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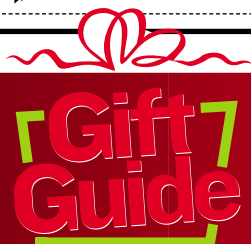


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## HOLIDAY HANDOUTS

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## For the Patient, It's Game Day

**OUT TO LUNCH:** Die-hard gamers cook up some food while waiting to buy a Sony PlayStation 3 at a Best Buy in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., on Thursday. The \$500 consoles go on sale Friday and are expected to sell out quickly, leaving many fans empty-handed. Nintendo's Wii goes on sale Sunday for \$250.

## Dems Tap Hoyer for No. 2 Post

House rebukes Pelosi after voting her 1st female speaker

WASHINGTON | Democrats embraced Rep. Nancy Pelosi as the first woman House speaker in history on Thursday, then quickly snubbed her, selecting Steny Hoyer of Maryland as majority leader against her wishes.

"Let the healing begin," Pelosi, D-Calif., said after Hoyer had eased past her preferred candidate, Rep. John Murtha, a prominent opponent of the war in Iraq. The secret-ballot vote for Hoyer was 149-86. She was chosen by acclamation. Hoyer, Murtha and several other Democrats predicted there would be no lingering effects from the bruising leadership campaign as the party looks ahead to taking control of the House in January after a dozen years in the minority.

Democrats chose their leaders for the next two years as lawmakers in both houses labored to wrap up work for the expiring 109th Congress and look ahead to the 110th, which convenes on Jan. 4.

House Republicans hold elections Friday, with a two-way race for minority leader. Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the current majority leader, faces a challenge from Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana. A third contender, Rep. Joe Barton of Texas, dropped out and endorsed Boehner. (AP)

**INVESTIGATIONS | Law & Orders** Delray Beach, Fla., police last month charged a 16-year-old with robbing a pizza deliveryman after leaving his phone number with the pizza company, the Palm Beach Post reported. Carlos Matos confessed to stealing cash and



the pizza after he was tracked down using the number he gave while ordering the pizza, officials said. The deliveryman had been robbed at gunpoint; the investigating officer won an Officer of the Month award for the case. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# eyeOpeners

## WRONG NUMBERS

### Dancing With Stars, Voting With Morons

"Dancing With the Stars" fans who tried to call in and vote for actor Mario Lopez on Tuesday may have talked with a Missouri woman instead. Hundreds of people called Carmen Allen's cell phone by accident. Allen said she started getting hang-up calls on Tuesday night. "Finally, I just said, 'Well, maybe I just need to quit saying 'Hello' and just pick up the phone and say, 'Who are trying to get a hold of?'" Allen said. Viewers of the show who wanted to vote for Lopez were asked to call a 1-800 number that was the same as Allen's cell phone number, the only difference being the area codes. (AP)



## SODA

### Welcome to the Coke Side of Illness

A Russian woman who drank 1,300 gallons of Coca-Cola has won a lawsuit against the company for making her sick, the (London) Telegraph reported. Natalya Kashuba drank up to 3 liters of the soft drink every day for five years for a promotion in which Coca-Cola caps could be swapped for prizes. She sued after suffering insomnia and being diagnosed with chronic heartburn. In the trial, her lawyer submitted as evidence dozens of inflatable mattresses and radios she had won through the promotion. A court ruled Coca-Cola should have warned her of the risks of drinking too much soda. (EXPRESS)



JAMES BOND

## Die Another Day

It must be getting hard to promote corpses these days. Otherwise, why would Gunther von Hagens, known as "The Plastinator," have to tie his exhibits to the current James Bond film, "Casino Royale"? Hopefully this re-created scene from that film, at the inauguration of The Plastinarium workshop and showroom Thursday in Guben, Germany, doesn't give away any part of the plot — because the public might opt to go see that instead of seeing von Hagens' laboratories for preserving humans. (EXPRESS)



## PORTIONS

### No, It's Meant to Be Eaten Over 3 Days

Burger King should yank an ad campaign for its XXL burger — the caloric equivalent of eating 10 fried eggs — because it violates a Spanish initiative against obesity, the country's Health Ministry said Thursday. The ministry said it had been asking the fast-food chain to abandon the campaign because the commercials go against an agreement signed by the Federation of Hoteliers and Restaurateurs, of which Burger King is a member. Under the agreement, members refrain from promoting huge servings of food, the health ministry said. (AP)

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**LOSING COVERAGE:** Arctic sea ice coverage this past March was the lowest in winter since measurements by satellite began in the early 1970s, according to a new report released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

# Nation

## In Brief

### DETROIT

#### Police Search for Gunmen After 2 Killed in Shootings

Two men are suspected of shooting five people in the span of 10 minutes Thursday morning, killing two of them and wounding the others before fleeing on foot, police said. All the shootings were in a three-to four-block area on the city's west side, Detroit police spokesman James Tate said. Police were searching for the gunmen and were questioning one person late Thursday, Detroit police spokeswoman Yvette Walker said. (AP)

### BOSTON

#### Men Cleared in Slayings To Sue Over Imprisonment

Two Boston men spent 30 years in prison for an underworld slaying they did not commit after a judge ruled that the FBI withheld evidence that would have cleared the pair to protect a mob hitman who was serving as an informant. Now, in a trial that opened Thursday, those men and the families of two others who were wrongfully convicted are seeking damages from the government that could total more than \$100 million. (AP)

### Dark Energy's Origins

→ Dark energy, the mysterious force that makes up a large part of energy in space was present in the early days of the universe, NASA reports. | **Today, A Section**

**IN The Washington Post**

# Tornado Tears Across N.C., 8 Dead

Southern storms flip cars, homes bringing death toll to at least 12

RIEGELWOOD, N.C. | A tornado flipped cars, shredded trees and ripped mobile homes to pieces in this little riverside community early Thursday, killing at least eight people, authorities said.

The disaster the two-day death toll from a devastating line of thunderstorms that swept across the South to 12.

Kip Godwin, chairman of the Columbus County Commission, said authorities had nearly concluded their search of the area where all the deaths occurred — a cluster of trailers and an adjacent neighborhood of brick homes — and had accounted for everyone.

Hospital officials said four children were in critical condition.



Skating rink owners Lisa and Rocky McIlwain, survey the damage to their business on Thursday in Montgomery, Ala. High winds destroyed the rink on Wednesday.

The storms that began Wednesday unleashed tornadoes and straight-line winds that overturned mobile homes and tractor-trailers,

uprooted trees and knocked down power lines across the South.

In Louisiana, a man died Wednesday when a tornado struck

his home. In South Carolina, a utility worker checking power lines Thursday during the storm was electrocuted. In North Carolina, two people died in car crashes as heavy rain pounded the state, dropping as much as five inches in some areas.

Off the coast, a Coast Guard helicopter lowered a pump to a fishing boat that was taking on water in 15-foot seas about 50 miles from Charleston. One crewman was aboard the 34-foot boat, which the Coast Guard escorted back to land.

The tornado that struck Riegelwood — situated on the Cape Fear River about 20 miles west of Wilmington — hit shortly after 6:30 a.m.

As many as 40 mobile homes were damaged before the tornado crossed a highway and leveled three brick homes. Some of the dead were believed to be children.

ESTES THOMPSON (AP)

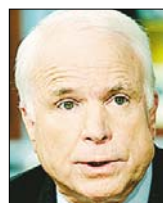
## McCain Urges GOP 'Common Sense'

WASHINGTON | On the heels of devastating GOP losses, Sen. John McCain called on the Republican Party to return to its common-sense conservatism — and implicitly cast himself as the one who can lead the party's rebirth.

"We lost our principles and our majority. And there is no way to recover our majority without recovering our principles first," the Arizona Republican said Thursday in speeches that could set the tone for a

potential presidential campaign.

On the same day he launched a presidential exploratory committee, McCain said voters felt that Republicans valued their incumbency over their beliefs on such conservative standards as limited and efficient government — and he urged



McCain

a return to those tenets.

"Americans had elected us to change government, and they rejected us because they believed government had changed us," he said. "We must spend the next two years reacquainting the public and ourselves with the reason we came to office in the first place: to serve a cause greater than our self-interest."

Fifteen months before the first 2008 presidential nominating contests, McCain is positioning himself as the Republican standard-bearer.

LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

## HEARSAY | LAWSUITS

"[Kaiser has] violated every ethical obligation under which they operate and they have also broken the law."

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## Nation



**GUNS FOR ALL:** Greenleaf, Idaho, has passed a measure asking residents who do not object to keep a gun at home in case they are overrun by refugees from disasters like Katrina.

# Economist Friedman Dies

## Nobel Prize-winner who championed free markets dies at 94

SAN FRANCISCO | Milton Friedman, a Nobel Prize-winning economist who championed individual freedom, influenced the economic policies of three presidents and befriended world leaders, died Thursday. He was 94.

Friedman died in San Francisco, said Robert Fanger, a spokesman for the Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation in Indianapolis. He did not know the cause of death.

"Milton Friedman revived the economics of liberty when it had

been all but forgotten," said former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. "He was an intellectual freedom fighter. Never was there a less dismal practitioner of a dismal science."

In numerous books, a News-week magazine column and a PBS show, Friedman championed individual freedom in economics and politics. The longtime University of Chicago professor pioneered a school of thought that became known as the Chicago school of economics. His work is still widely



Friedman

influential in the business world, academia and politics.

Friedman's theory of monetarism was adopted in part by the Nixon, Ford and Reagan administrations. It opposed the traditional Keynesian economics that had dominated U.S. policy since the New Deal.

His work in consumption analysis, monetary history and stabilization policy earned him the Nobel Prize in economics in 1976.

"He has used a brilliant mind to advance a moral vision — the vision of a society where men and women are free, free to choose, but where government is not as free to override their decisions," President Bush said in 2002. JUSTIN M. NORTON (AP)

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## CHICAGO | DANGLING WITH THE STARS



**HIGH-FLYING DISPLAY:** Aerial dancers Mark Stuver, right, and Amelia Rudolph, from the Project Bandaloop aerial gymnastics group, based in Oakland, Calif., perform in a four-story-high atrium on Thursday in Chicago.

## Elderly Deaths From Falls Rising

ATLANTA | The death rate from falling has risen dramatically for elderly people since the 1990s, said federal health officials, speculating that it's because people are living longer with chronic conditions such as cancer and heart disease.

Falling is the 14th leading cause of death among the elderly.

But the new study, CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, had good news to offer too. Women's hip fracture injury rates have dropped in recent years, probably because of osteoporosis screenings and bone-building treatments.

MIKE STOBBE (AP)

# Soldier Gets Life Term in Iraq Killings

## American sentenced in murders, rape case of 14-year-old girl

FORT CAMPBELL, KY. | A soldier was sentenced Thursday to life in prison with the possibility of parole for conspiring to rape a 14-year-old Iraqi girl and kill her and her family.

Spc. James P. Barker, one of four Fort Campbell soldiers accused in the March 12 rape and killings, pleaded guilty Wednesday and agreed to tes-

tify against the others to avoid the death penalty.

Under terms of the plea agreement, Barker will not serve more than 90 years in prison, said Lt. Col. Richard Anderson, the military judge presiding over the court-martial.

"This court sentences you to be confined for the length of your natural life, with the eligibility of parole," Anderson said.

Barker showed no reaction when the sentence was read. After

the court-martial concluded, Barker went outside to smoke a cigarette as a military bailiff watched over him.

Military prosecutors declined to comment because three other soldiers have yet to be tried in the case. Defense attorneys planned to speak to reporters to discuss their reaction to the ruling.

Sgt. Paul E. Cortez, accompanied by his two military attorneys, was the only other accused soldier in the room when the sentence was announced. RYAN LENZ (AP)



## Nation



Christopher McCowen reacts to the jury's verdict in Barnstable, Mass., on Thursday. McCowen was sentenced to life in prison in the rape and murder of a writer.

# Man Convicted in Cape Cod Slaying

## Former trash collector sentenced to life term in rape and murder

BARNSTABLE, MASS. | A garbage man was convicted Thursday of rape and murder in the slaying of a fashion writer who was found beaten and stabbed in her Cape Cod home, her 2-year-old daughter clinging to her body.

Christopher McCowen, 34, received the automatic sentence of life in prison without parole for the 2002 killing of Christa Worthington, 46.

"Your honor, all I can say is I'm an innocent man in this case," McCowen said after thanking the judge and court officers for showing him respect during the six-week trial.

McCowen, who worked in the small town of Truro, where

Worthington lived, initially denied having any physical contact with her. But after police told him his DNA had been found on her body, McCowen said they had consensual sex and he had beaten her. But he said a friend plunged the knife through her chest.

"We put the boots to her," McCowen said, according to police. The friend was never charged.

Defense attorney Robert George reminded the jury that police had focused on Worthington's former boyfriends before finally arresting McCowen nearly 3½ years after the crime.

George said police decided Worthington was raped because they could not believe that McCowen — a black, uneducated garbage man — could have had consensual sex with Worthington, a white woman who worked for years as a fashion writer. DENISE LAVOIE (AP)

## Airport Arrest Turns Up Nuclear Info

DETROIT | A man was arrested at Detroit Metropolitan Airport after, officials say, they found him carrying nearly \$79,000 in cash and a laptop computer containing information about nuclear materials and cyanide.

Sisayehiticha Dinssa, an unemployed U.S. citizen, was arrested

Tuesday after a dog caught the scent of narcotics on cash he was carrying, police said.

Dinssa declared that he had \$18,000 in cash, but agents found an additional amount of about \$60,900. When they scrolled through his laptop, they said, they found the mysterious files. (AP)

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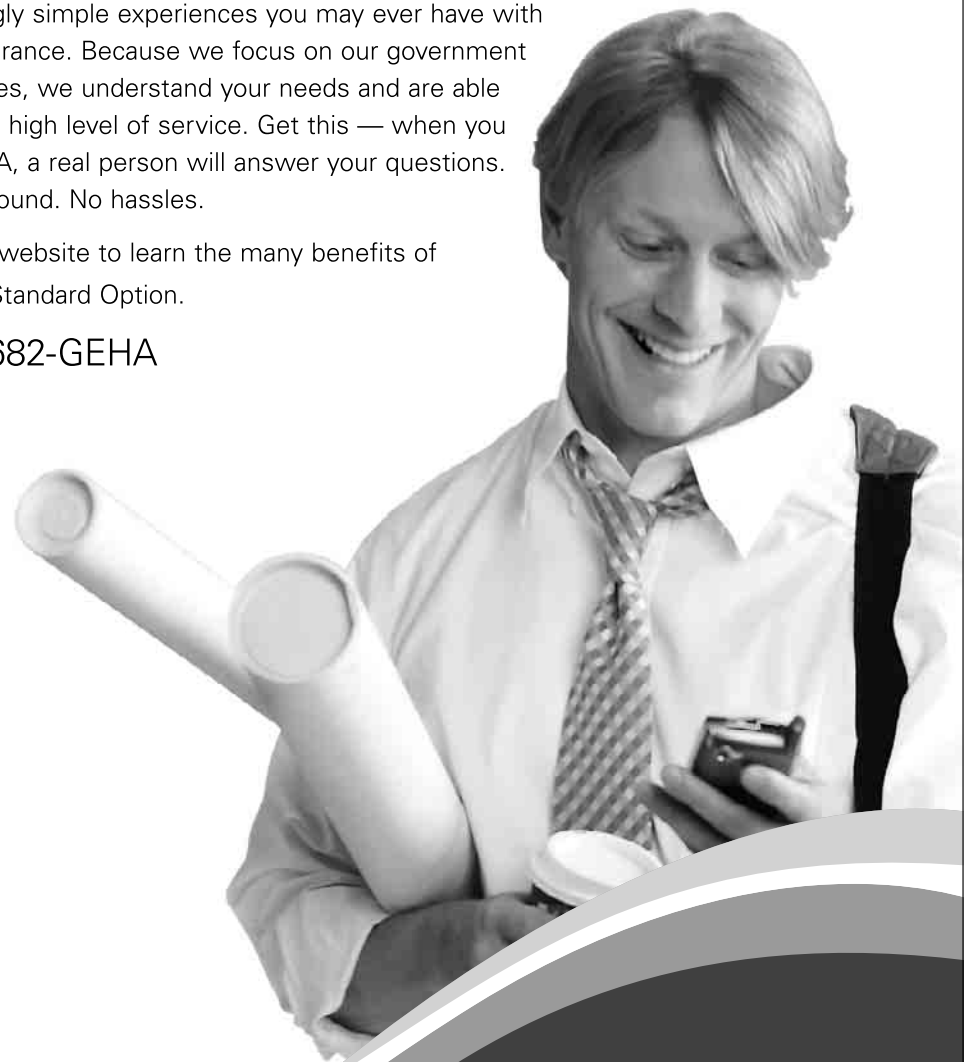
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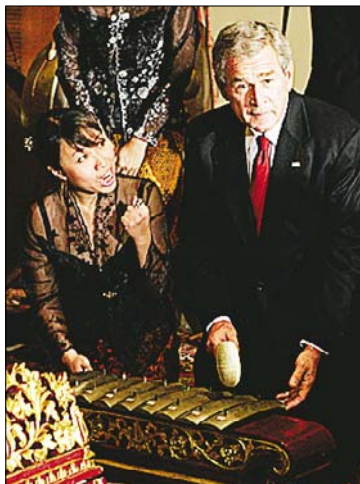
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# World

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The number of grapes an American man caught in his mouth in three minutes in what he hopes will become a new Guinness record. The grape-gobbling attempt was held in Australia. No current speed grape-catching record exists.



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

President Bush tries his hand at playing the saron in Singapore Thursday.

## President Bush Takes on a New Tune in Singapore

SINGAPORE | Turns out President Bush can give as well as get a thumpin'.

Far from home, Bush delighted in some Asian fusion music, nodding to the sounds of a 10-person ensemble. The setting was a storied museum on the Singapore River.

"Good job," the president said. "I loved it, thank you, it was great."

It was a soothing, smiling start to an Asian trip that comes right after a rough patch in Washington.

The Democrats won big in last week's midterm elections — a real "thumpin'," as Bush put it.

Yet in Singapore, Bush was so at ease he tried his hand in the band.

He got down on his knees, picked up a mallet and played the saron — an Asian-style xylophone. He pounded out a melody with a rubber mallet, then smiled proudly.

Only after about a minute did he give it up.

"I'm going to quit while I'm ahead," Bush said. (AP)

### Appealing Words in Asia

→ On his trip abroad, President Bush reassured Pacific Rim leaders that the U.S. stands squarely behind efforts to liberalize trade with the region, and he promised to continue pressuring North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program. | **Today, A Section**

**IN** The Washington Post

# New Peacekeeping Deal for Darfur

## Sudan gives initial backing to deploying a joint AU, U.N. force

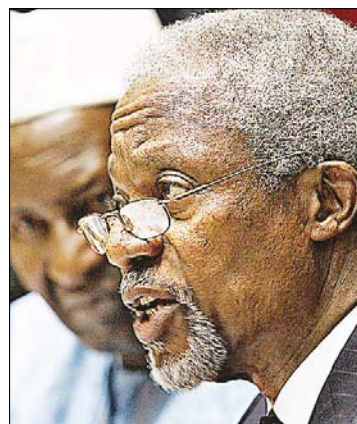
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA | African, Arab, European and U.N. leaders reached a tentative agreement with Sudan on Thursday to let a joint African Union and United Nations peacekeeping force into the Darfur region as early as next year.

The force could be as large as 27,000, including the existing 7,000-member AU peacekeeping force in Darfur, but the leaders did

not lay out a timetable for the force to begin work partly because Sudan had some reservations, including the question of who would be in charge.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the additional personnel could include as many as 17,000 soldiers and 3,000 police officers.

A U.N. Security Council resolution has called for U.N. peacekeepers to take over for the poorly equipped and underfunded AU force, which has been unable to quell a war that has left more than



MARCOLONGARI/AP/GETTY IMAGES

U.N. chief Kofi Annan discusses Darfur in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Thursday.

200,000 dead since 2003. But Sudan's government has firmly opposed the takeover.

The agreement was announced at a meeting in Ethiopia that brought together senior officials from the AU, the Arab League, the European Union, Sudan, the U.S., China, Russia, Egypt, France and a half-dozen African countries.

In recent days, pro-government militia forces known as janjaweed have stepped up attacks on villages in Darfur, killing dozens of people, international observers said Wednesday. LES NEUHAUS (AP)



WISSAM AL-OKALI/AP/GETTY IMAGES

**TENSE TIMES:** Iraqi Shiites in Baghdad's Sadr City mourn the deaths of relatives killed in a shooting attack that targeted a bakery.

## Bid Made to Arrest Top Sunni Leader

### Move by Shiite-led Interior Ministry may inflame Iraqi violence

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The Shiite-led Interior Ministry issued an arrest warrant Thursday for the top leader of the country's Sunni minority — a move certain to inflame already raging sectarian violence in Iraq.

Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani, a Shiite, said Harith al-Dhari was wanted for inciting terrorism and violence among the Iraqi people. His message was carried on

Al-Iraqiyah state television.

Al-Dhari, head of the influential Sunni Association of Muslim Scholars, is an extreme hard-liner who recently mocked a government offer of reconciliation in return for abandoning the insurgency. But the move against him threatens to drive many moderate Sunnis out of the political system.

The warrant was issued on a day when at least 49 Iraqis died violently and the U.S. military announced the deaths of four more American soldiers. Sunnis and Shiites also could not agree on whether all hostages

had been released from a mass kidnapping two days earlier, and one man said he'd been beaten by the kidnappers.

The Mahdi Army was believed responsible for the kidnapping of scores of people from a Higher Education Ministry office building in Baghdad on Tuesday.

On Thursday, the Sunni higher education minister called the Interior Ministry "a farce" for not preventing the crime and claimed more than half the 150 victims were still in the hands of Shiite abductors.

BASSEM MROUE (AP)

## In Brief

### LONDON

#### N. Ireland Assembly to Be Dissolved, New Vote Held

The Northern Ireland Assembly will be dissolved in January and an election held weeks later in hopes that a new mix of political leaders will revive a Catholic-Protestant administration, the British government announced Thursday. A bill spelled out the government's intention to end the assembly — a 108-member body whose primary purpose is to elect a power-sharing administration — on Jan. 30. A new assembly would be elected March 7, three weeks before the hoped-for renewal of power-sharing. (AP)

### MANAGUA, NICARAGUA

#### Electoral Council Confirms Win for Sandinista's Ortega

A final vote count in the Nov. 5 presidential election has confirmed Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega's victory, the Supreme Electoral Council announced. With 100 percent of the votes counted, Ortega won with 37.9 percent, the council said late Tuesday night. Harvard-trained economist Eduardo Montealegre, of the Nicaraguan Liberal Alliance party, finished second with 28.3 percent of the vote. Ortega's victory comes under a new electoral law that allows candidates a first-round victory if they win at least 35 percent of the vote and lead the runner-up by at least 5 percentage points. (AP)



## World



VINCENZO PINTO/AFP/Getty Images

Pope Benedict XVI led the Vatican summit on the issue of priests' celibacy.

## No Change To Celibacy For Priests

Vatican reaffirms rule that Catholic priests may not marry

VATICAN CITY | A Vatican summit led by Pope Benedict XVI reaffirmed mandatory celibacy for priests Thursday, rebuffing a high-profile crusade by a married African archbishop who has been excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

In a statement after the three-hour meeting, the Vatican said: "The value of the choice of priestly celibacy, according to Catholic tradition, has been reaffirmed."

In announcing the summit earlier this week, the Vatican said it would examine "the situation created by the disobedience of Monsignor Emmanuel Milingo."

Milingo, of Zambia, incurred automatic excommunication in September when he ordained four married U.S. men as bishops in defiance of the Vatican. He already had drawn the Vatican's ire in 2001, when he took a South Korean woman as his wife in a group wedding ceremony of the Unification Church of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

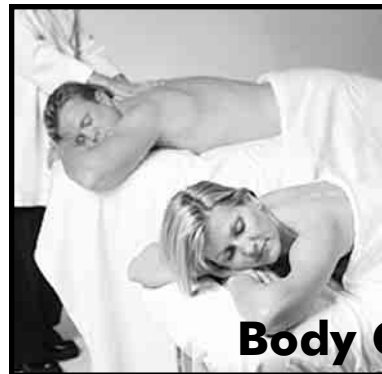
When Milingo was excommunicated, several Vatican watchers said the Holy See was worried about the possibility the charismatic archbishop could start a schism.

The summit yielded "no change in the current discipline" of the church on the celibacy requirement, Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi said. (AP)

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## World



Supporters of President Joseph Kabila, who was declared the winner of a presidential runoff election on Wednesday, celebrate his victory in Kinshasa Thursday.

## Candidate Rejects Congo Poll Results

**Ex-rebel Bemba says  
he will pursue a legal  
challenge to vote count**

**KINSHASA, CONGO** | The loser in Congo's landmark presidential elections rejected the results Thursday, saying he would use all legal means to challenge the outcome from the war-battered Central African nation's first multiparty vote in decades.

Electoral officials announced Wednesday that President Joseph Kabila prevailed in a runoff against Jean-Pierre Bemba, a former rebel leader who became a vice president in the postwar, national-unity government that arranged the ballot meant to end decades of strife and corrupt rule.

Bemba, in his first comments since Kabila was announced the winner, said he wouldn't accept the results. He earlier had alleged massive voting fraud.

"I regret to inform our people and the international community that I cannot accept these results, which are far from respecting the truth of the ballot boxes," Bemba said.

Bemba, who led a rebel faction in years of back-to-back wars that ended in 2002, didn't say he would take up arms again, saying he would pursue legal channels to challenge the results showing Kabila with 58 percent of the votes to Bemba's 42 percent.

"I make the commitment to use all legal avenues to ensure the will of the people is respected," he said.

Amid fears of renewed gunbattles between supporters of the two candidates, U.N. peacekeepers patrolled the streets of the Congolese capital and riot police arrested a handful of stone-throwing protesters Thursday. Business owners, fearing violence, kept their shops shuttered. **MICHELLE FAUL (AP)**

## Israelis Not Planning Broad Offensive

**JERUSALEM** | Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert signaled on Thursday that Israel has no plans for a massive military operation in Gaza to try to stop deadly Palestinian rocket fire, easing fears of a new spasm of violence that could derail tentative progress toward getting Israelis and

Palestinians talking again.

European nations, seeking a bigger role in ending the conflict, unveiled a new Mideast peace initiative calling for peace talks, a prisoner swap and the stationing of peacekeepers on the Israel-Gaza border. **(AP)**





**STEEPLE SPLIT:** Two historic Episcopal parishes in Virginia — Truro Church in Fairfax and The Falls Church in Falls Church — are moving toward breaking with the national church because of differences about the Bible and sexuality.

## Local



Jerry Maren, who played a munchkin in the movie "The Wizard of Oz," left, talks Thursday with Brent Glass, National Museum of American History director, right.

## Flying at Air & Space Museum — Monkeys?

'Wizard of Oz' gear on display beside aviator collections in exhibit

WASHINGTON | Dorothy's ruby red slippers are now temporarily nestled near NASA's rockets and Charles Lindbergh's plane in a new Smithsonian exhibit that has the blessing of two original munchkins from "The Wizard of Oz."

More than 150 well-known

objects from the National Museum of American History collection go on display Friday in the "Treasures of American History" exhibit across the National Mall at the National Air and Space Museum.

Leaders of the popular history museum, which closed in September for a major renovation and will reopen in summer 2008, wanted to keep at least part of the 3 million-piece collection on view.

BRETT ZONGKER (AP)

# Flooding After Big Storms

**Winds and heavy rain lead to water rescues in Montgomery Co.**

WASHINGTON | Winds and heavy rain from a severe storm that blew through the Mid-Atlantic region Thursday caused flooding, prompted some schools to cancel evening activities and led weather forecasters to issue a tornado watch.

The storm system, which spawned tornadoes that were blamed for several deaths in the South, passed through the Washington area during the afternoon.

The National Weather Service issued a tornado watch for the area through 6 p.m. Flood warnings also were issued for the Washington and Baltimore regions.

No tornadoes had been reported by mid-afternoon, said Jim Lee, a

meteorologist at the National Weather Service. Flooding was reported in small creeks in Montgomery and Fairfax counties, he said, but larger rivers stayed within their banks.

Montgomery Fire and Rescue spokesman Pete Piringer said emergency crews performed several water rescues Thursday. In Germantown, a minivan became trapped in swiftly rising water about 1 p.m. and two people had to be rescued. (AP)

## Incoming Metro Chief Introduced

WASHINGTON | The Metro transit system formally introduced its new general manager Thursday, the same day a power failure disrupted subway service on the Red Line for more than an hour.

John B. Catoe Jr., 59, who took the subway to Metro's headquarters, said his ride went smoothly, but acknowledged it was a challenging commute for many customers.

The power outage halted rail service between the Van Ness and Farragut North stations in Northwest shortly after 6 a.m., stranding about 75 passengers on one northbound train between Woodley Park and Dupont Circle. (AP)

## The Lotteries

Thursday, November 16

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	2-5-7
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	1-4-5
Mid-day DC 4	7-6-9-0
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	3-1-2-4
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	12-26-27-34-35
Daily 6 (Wed.)	4-10-17-18-34-35 (12)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	2-22-31-35-38 (12)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	7-4-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-0-2
Mid-day Pick 4	2-7-3-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-0-2-2

Match 5 (Wed.)	5-10-25-28-30 (12)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	1-10-11-26-32-40

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3	2-5-4
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-0-4
Mid-day Pick 4	7-1-9-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-1-3-3
Mid-day Cash 5	2-3-10-12-27
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	6-13-15-23-31
Win For Life (Wed.)	4-6-7-17-28 (41)

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Powerball (Wed.)	11-28-30-34-43 (29)
Power Play	x3

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.



**BY THE NUMBERS:** Proponents of a D.C. proposal to require private developers to build environment friendly buildings say the extra cost would be up to 4 percent; opponents say it can cost 11 percent more. (AP)

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# Money



**PERK UP:** Starbucks Corp. said Wednesday its fiscal fourth-quarter profits slipped 5 percent, blaming the dip on newly adopted accounting changes. For the full fiscal year, Starbucks said, it earned \$564.3 million, up from \$494.4 million in fiscal 2005.

## \$18B Buyout Deal For Clear Channel

SAN ANTONIO | Clear Channel Communications Inc., the nation's biggest radio station operator, said Thursday it has agreed to be acquired for about \$18.7 billion by an investment group.

The transaction would be one of the biggest deals in which a company has been taken private, and showcases the vast sums that buyout groups have been able to assemble to acquire public companies.

An investor group led by Thomas H. Lee Partners LP and Bain Capital Partners LLC is paying \$37.60 in cash for each share of Clear Channel, a 10.2 percent premium over its closing price on Wednesday. The buyers are also assuming about \$8 billion in debt.

The company said in a regulatory filing that it doesn't expect any senior management changes or significant layoffs.

Mark Mays will remain CEO while Randall Mays, his brother, will stay on as chief financial officer.

Clear Channel also said it plans to sell 448 of its radio stations, all located outside the top-100 markets, as well as its 42-station television group, which are also located in smaller markets.

Clear Channel was founded in 1972 and benefited greatly from the loosening of media ownership rules, which allowed more radio stations to be held by a single owner in each market. ELIZABETH WHITE (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EnterraEg	8.73	+1.25	+16.7
Salton h	2.83	+1.28	+11.0
DynCorp n	11.47	+1.05	+10.1
ArmstrW n	39.85	+3.15	+8.6
ElkCorp	35.96	+2.76	+8.3

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
WmsSon	31.70	-3.48	-9.9
MensW	37.00	-3.08	-7.7
Allilmag	6.84	-.56	-7.6
SilvWhntg	10.94	-.83	-7.1
ParkDrl	9.09	-.67	-6.9

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Irvine	2.39	+1.32	+123.4
OceanB	3.58	+1.43	+66.5
RockvFn	16.80	+5.43	+47.8
RambusIf	21.72	+5.07	+30.5
lomai n	5.20	-.12	-2.3

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SentoCp	2.29	-.58	-20.2
HandEnt n	4.88	-1.22	-20.0
RavenInd	29.30	-5.97	-16.9
BEA Sys If	13.11	-2.58	-16.4
SteinMrt	15.50	-2.25	-12.7

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.97	5.12
2-year	4.85	4.74
10-year	4.67	4.63
30-year	4.75	4.73

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5296	.5293	.5826
Canadian Dollar	1.1421	1.1399	1.1925
European Euro	.7815	.7798	.8557
Japanese Yen	118.19	118.05	119.05
Mexican Peso	10.8962	10.8459	10.6380
Taiwanese Dollar	32.97	32.82	33.63

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AstraZen	58.23	+.06	+19.8
BarrPhm	49.51	+.34	-20.5
BrMySq	24.66	+.16	+7.3
ForestLab	47.75	+.08	+17.4
Hospira	32.51	+.11	-24.0
IvaxCorp	25.98	...	-17.1
JohnJn	66.53	-.01	+10.7
LillyEli	54.56	+.19	-3.6
Merck	44.65	+.50	+40.4
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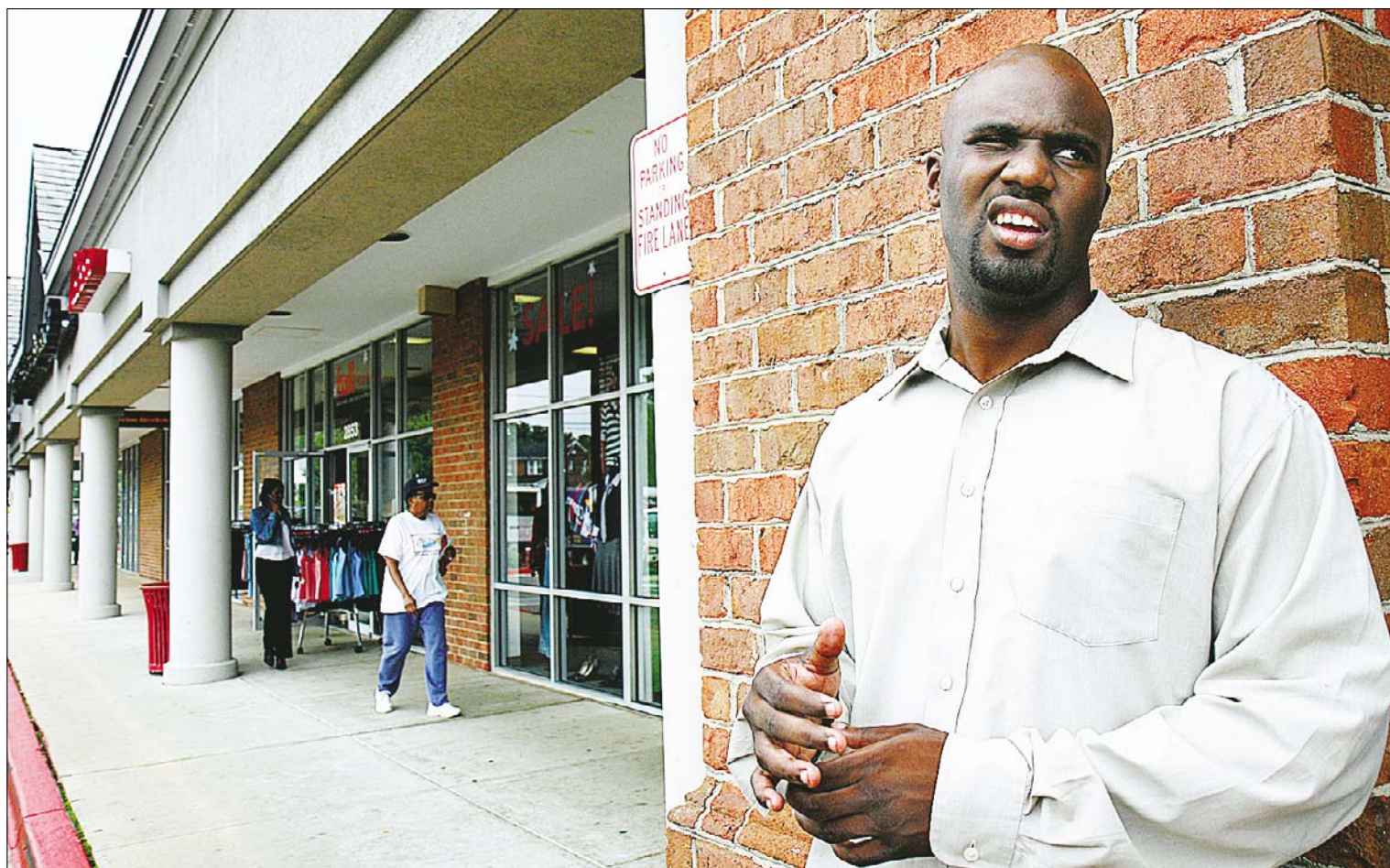
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Others, however, say it's structural, and point to a 2004 study in which employers were found to be as equally willing to hire a white man with a criminal record as a black man with a clean record.

The problem, these academics, say, is societal. Slavery began it, racism continues it, and it entrenches itself every day in neighborhoods like Ward 8 in forms such as inferior schools, which lead to poor job skills, which lead to jobs such as drug dealing, which lead to lopsided incarceration rates, which lead to employment rates of 43 percent.

Meanwhile, tie on, résumé in hand, Chris wonders why "I waste opportunities or don't see opportunities." He is down to one option. It was an interview for a job with Jiffy Lube, arranged by a government-funded job placement service whose clients are mostly African-American men.

"God, help me out," he prayed.

A week later, Chris began his new job at Jiffy Lube. Eight dollars an hour, 40 hours a week, \$16,640 a year. "Looks like it's gonna work out," he said.

That night, his girlfriend told him their relationship was over.

The next day, with nowhere else to go, he moved in with his mother.

Two days later: "I don't know what happened. I haven't heard from him," Wally Kenner, his new boss, said. "If he doesn't call me or show up tomorrow, we'll probably have to let him go."

The next day: "He no longer works here," Kenner said.

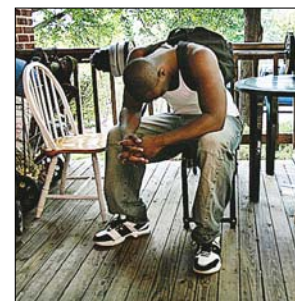
The next day: "I don't know, man. Stuff happens," Chris said. "If I had the answer, I'd tell you, but I don't know," he said. "I don't know. I don't know. I don't know."

DAVID FINKEL (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# Working Drought

I black man experiences how hard it is to get a job

**LOST JOB:** Chris Dansby misses out on an opening. The unemployment rate is 16.3 percent in Ward 8.



## Being a Black Man

→ Learn the full story of Chris Dansby's struggles to find steady employment — as told as part of the ongoing "Being a Black Man" series — this Sunday in The Washington Post. | [A1](#)

On the morning of his 25th birthday, Chris Dansby made the same wish that he'd made when he turned 24, 23, 22 and 21: Let this be the day where everything worked out, the one he'd been promised since he was a boy.

He was living for the moment in his girlfriend's apartment, surrounded by nothing of his own. It was her bed he woke up in. Her leftover rice in the refrigerator. Her plastic bowl that he spooned the rice into. Her spoon, her sink, her shower, her iron, her everything except for Chris' clothes, a folder he was carrying that contained a copy of his résumé, and a wallet that contained no money and the business

card of a potential employer who had stopped returning his calls.

Her car, too. With its gas tank on empty, Chris steered it into the parking lot of a city-run job center in southeast Washington at opening time, 8:30 a.m. "It's my birthday. I don't have no money. I don't have no job. I'm feeling kind of mopey today," he said as he went inside the job center in Ward 8, a part of the city that is 93 percent black and on this day had an unemployment rate of 16.3 percent.

Why does Chris not have a job? What happened? What can he do about it? What did he do wrong?

As Chris navigates the part of America that is populated by black

men like himself looking for work, there isn't a day he doesn't wonder about these questions, the last one most of all.

"I don't know, man. It's hard out in this world. It ain't geared for me. It ain't geared for a black man," he said. "I ain't making excuses, you can get out of it, but ..."

But why was his neighborhood's unemployment rate 16.3 percent while at the same moment, in predominantly white Ward 3, the rate was 1.5 percent? Why, last year, as he grew ever discouraged, were 70 percent of all white men working, 71 percent of all Asian men, 75 percent of all Hispanic men — and only 60 percent of all black men? And only

49 percent of all black men between the ages of 18 and 24? And only 43 percent of all black men 18-24 with a high school degree or less?

"... but I don't blame anybody," Chris said. "It's all on my shoulders."

Some academics say the problem traces to what they describe as the culture of the black community. Fractured families, demeaning music, sports millionaires as role models, thuggishness as a virtue, morality as a flaw — all contribute to a "culture of failure" of which joblessness is a part. The problem, these academics say, is behavioral.



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# Sports Weekend

## Can Troy Be Toppled?

To beat the Buckeyes, Michigan must first try to slow their deadly QB

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** | Bo Schembechler knows more about the Ohio State-Michigan rivalry than anybody, following college football's marquee series up close for more than a half-century.

Schembechler was a graduate assistant for the Buckeyes under Woody Hayes in the early 1950s, and returned later to be a Hayes assistant for five seasons before becoming a famed coach for the Wolverines from 1969-1989.

In all of those years, nobody has impressed him more than Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith — not even two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin.

"I have not seen a guy play so well in back-to-back Ohio State-Michigan games," Schembechler said. "We slowed down Archie Griffin, I think, the second time we played him."

If Smith can come close to matching his previous performances against Michigan on Saturday at home, he likely will lock up the Heisman Trophy.

Smith has been unstoppable against Michigan the past two years, putting up gaudy numbers with his arm and legs in two come-from-behind wins.

He had 300 yards passing with a touchdown and an additional score on the ground last year, and he threw for 241 yards, ran for a career-high 145 and accounted for three TDs in 2004 as a sophomore.

Michigan hopes it finally has an

QB Troy Smith has put up 700 yards of offense in two games against Michigan.



The Michigan defensive line is one of the best in the nation, averaging 3.7 sacks per game.



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→ **Ohio State 13, Michigan 3 (1919):** Forget polls and championships. If it weren't for this game, the rivalry might never have bloomed. The Wolverines had outscored the Buckeyes 369-21 in the series up to that point.

answer for Smith with a new-and-improved defense directed by first-year coordinator Ron English and led by defensive end LaMarr Woodley and cornerback Leon Hall.

English has gotten the most out

of talent many thought was not used properly in previous bend-but-don't-break schemes. He has effectively mixed coverages and disguised blitzes all season, leaning on a front seven that makes it tough for teams to run or pass.

The Wolverines are No. 1 in the nation against the run, giving up less than 30 yards rushing a game, and

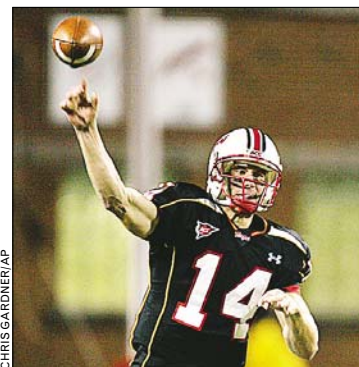


on third downs, when teams have picked up first downs one out of four tries. They are second in the country with 3.7 sacks a game, third in total defense, giving up 231 yards on average, and fifth in scoring defense, yielding just 12.1 points a game.

English acknowledged Smith's skills put the Wolverines to a test they haven't faced — since playing Ohio State last year.

"I'm not sure we can stop him, but we hope to be able to slow him down and limit his big plays," English said. LARRY LAGE (AP)

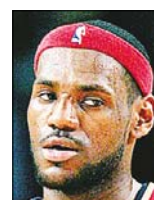
## TV Lineup



Quarterback Sam Hollenbach leads the Terrapins into Boston College.

→ **BCS IMPLICATIONS:** There are, in fact, other football games on Saturday. In a crucial ACC matchup, No. 21 Maryland travels to battle No. 20 Boston College (noon on ESPN).

→ **CUE THE CENTRAL ELITE:** The struggling Wizards look to get back on track as they play two tough divisional opponents.



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Hamilton and the Detroit Pistons host the Wiz. Then, on Saturday, Washington heads home to play King James and the Cleveland Cavaliers (7 p.m. on CSN).

→ **CROWNING A CHAMP:** It's the last race of NASCAR's Nextel Chase for the Cup, as the Ford 400 is run (Sunday at 3 p.m. on NBC).

→ **LOOKING FOR REVENGE:** After a tough shootout loss to the Boston Bruins, the Caps get a chance for payback. On Friday (7 p.m. on CSN), they host the Hurricanes, but they visit the Bruins on Saturday (7 p.m. on CW) looking to get back a point.

→ **FOOTBALL GALORE:** To start the day, the Redskins visit the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1 p.m. on FOX), and the Saints host the Bengals (1 p.m. on CBS). The late game of the day (4:15 p.m. on CBS) features the undefeated Colts visiting the Cowboys. Then, under the lights (8:15 p.m. on NBC), the Broncos play the Chargers.

**OLYMPICS | Stuart Little Shudders** China will use mice to test the safety of food for athletes competing in the 2008 Olympic Games held in Beijing, the Associated Press reported. The mice will test milk, alcohol, salad, rice, oil, salt and seasonings 24 hours in advance to make sure



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# United Gets Stadium Land

## Congress transfers federal land including Poplar Point to D.C.

UNITED | Though their season ended abruptly in the Eastern Conference final, the news on Thursday was much brighter for D.C. United and their fans, when Congress announced the passing of a bill that would give United a potential piece of land for a new stadium.

The Senate on Tuesday approved

the Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2005, a bill that transfers several large pieces of federal property to D.C., including Poplar Point in Anacostia, often considered the ideal place to build a new home for the United.

In exchange for this land, the federal government is receiving



Payne

pieces of land owned by the city.

"Passage of the Land Transfer Bill is an important step toward D.C. United staying in the District and making a major investment in the D.C. community," United President and CEO Kevin Payne said. "We will work ... to finalize plans for a development anchored by United's new stadium." DREW RIFKIN (EXPRESS)

**Bye, George:** After more than 25 years at the station, George Michael says he will leave Channel 4. | Today, Style

# Other Games Go On Back Burner

## Believe it or not, No. 1 vs. No. 2 isn't the only important showdown

COLLEGE PICKS | The biggest game in the history of college football — at least that's what some fans of Ohio State and Michigan think it is — isn't the only important game being played Saturday.

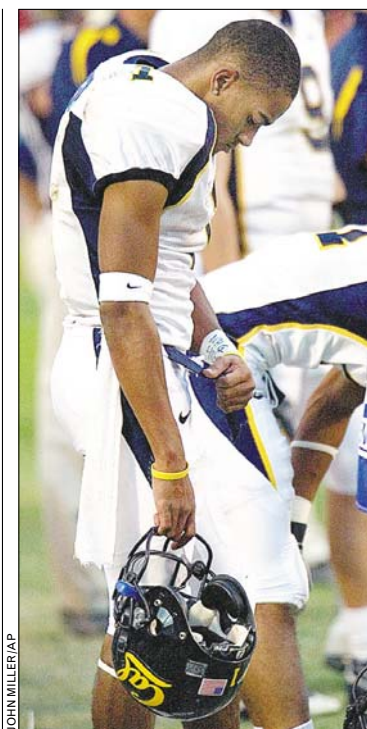
California and USC meet with the Pac-10's automatic berth in the Bowl Championship Series on the line. In the Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic division co-leaders Wake Forest and Maryland face ranked opponents the week before they play each other. The Demon Deacons host Virginia Tech. The Terrapins are at Boston College.

Arkansas can clinch the SEC West and a trip to the Southeastern Conference title game with a victory at Mississippi State. And for football fans in Alabama, the Iron Bowl is always the most important game of the season. The picks:

→ **NO. 2 MICHIGAN** (PLUS 7) at **NO. 1 OHIO STATE**. Ohio State coach Jim Tressel is 4-1 against Michigan ... **OHIO STATE 27-17.**

→ **NO. 17 CALIFORNIA** (PLUS 5 1/2) at **NO. 4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**. Trojans have won four of last five meetings ... **CAL 31-28.**

→ **NO. 19 VIRGINIA TECH** (MINUS 1) at



One week after a tough loss to Arizona, DeSean Jackson and Cal play USC.

**NO. 14 WAKE FOREST**. Both come in riding four-game winning streaks ... **VIRGINIA TECH 24-21.**

→ **NO. 15 AUBURN** (MINUS 3) at **ALABAMA**. Tigers go for five consecutive wins against Tide, their longest string since 1954-58 ... **AUBURN 20-18.**

→ **NO. 21 MARYLAND** (PLUS 7) at **NO. 20 BOSTON COLLEGE**. Eagles have won 10 straight at home ... **BOSTON COLLEGE 23-17.** RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

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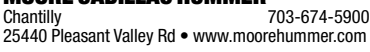
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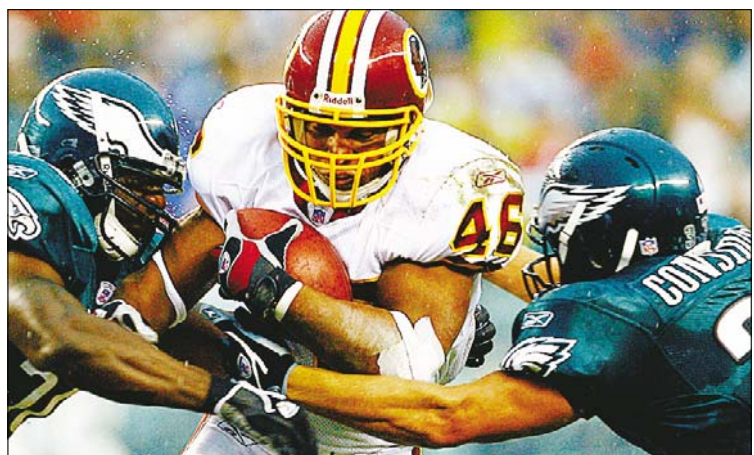


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Redskins running back Ladell Betts takes a carry last week against the Eagles. In his fifth year in Washington, Betts is having a career season, with 366 yards on 82 carries.

# A Whole New Backfield in D.C.

## 2nd-year QB Campbell and RB Betts embrace their new starring roles

REDSKINS | "Nice talking to you guys this year."

And with that tongue-in-cheek goodbye, Washington quarterback Mark Brunell disappeared down a hallway at Redskins Park to make way for the Redskins' newly implemented backfield: one by choice, another by attrition.

Jason Campbell — a first-round pick in 2005 — will replace Brunell on Sunday at Tampa Bay (2-7). But the offensive load may be shouldered by the guy who'll line up behind him.

With Campbell's inexperience, the offense is likely to rely on tailback Ladell Betts, who takes over the feature back role after Clinton Portis was placed on injured reserve with a broken hand.

"When you become 'the guy,' it's just different," Redskins running backs coach Earnest Byner said. "It takes a totally different energy to pound 25 or 30 times [per game]. These guys are conditioned and they have the mind to do it."

Betts' role had already increased this season under new offensive guru Al Saunders.

In his fifth year in Washington (3-6), Betts has rushed 82 times for 366 yards — just five yards from his previous career best. He's already doubled his previous season-high

## Three Burning QUESTIONS



**1 Poise or panic?** Campbell's former Auburn teammate Carlos Rogers said the soft-spoken starter will be able to take over the huddle even though he's quiet.

**2 The Barber's Shop?** Tampa corner Rhonde Barger has a fan in Redskins CB Shawn Springs. "He's crafty," Springs said.

**3 Rattle the Rookie?** Washington has just 13 sacks (31st in the NFL), but would be well-served to lay a few early hits on Bucs rookie QB Bruce Gradkowski.

reception total with 30.

And then there's Campbell.

An hour after Brunell walked down the hallway and into the next chapter of his career, the new starting quarterback emerged from Washington's midday walkthrough and stood before the crush of cameras 10 feet from the spot where his 36-year-old predecessor used to hold court weekly.

"The first day [as a starter] it feels difficult because you're overwhelmed," Campbell said. "From that point on ... I try to stay calm."

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# Lewis Has Minor Surgery

Ravens LB is listed as questionable for game against the Falcons

**RAVENS** | Baltimore Ravens middle linebacker Ray Lewis underwent a minor surgical procedure Thursday to have a pocket of blood drained from his swollen back, and is unlikely to play in Sunday's game against the Atlanta Falcons.

However, the seven-time All-Pro wasn't immediately ruled out and is expected to remain listed as questionable on the injury report.



Ray Lewis, top, underwent minor back surgery on Thursday and may not play Sunday.

Lewis severely bruised his back during a Nov. 5 game against Cincinnati when he collided with teammate Ed Reed's knee.

Team officials were hopeful Thursday the outpatient surgery will allow Lewis to return soon, but they weren't optimistic about him playing against Atlanta.

Meanwhile, the Ravens (7-2) are preparing versatile outside linebacker/defensive end Jarret Johnson (6-foot-3, 270 pounds) to start at inside linebacker with former practice squad member Dennis Haley filling in on obvious passing downs. Starting inside linebacker Bart Scott will move over to play Lewis' spot, with Johnson occupying Scott's normal position. (AP)

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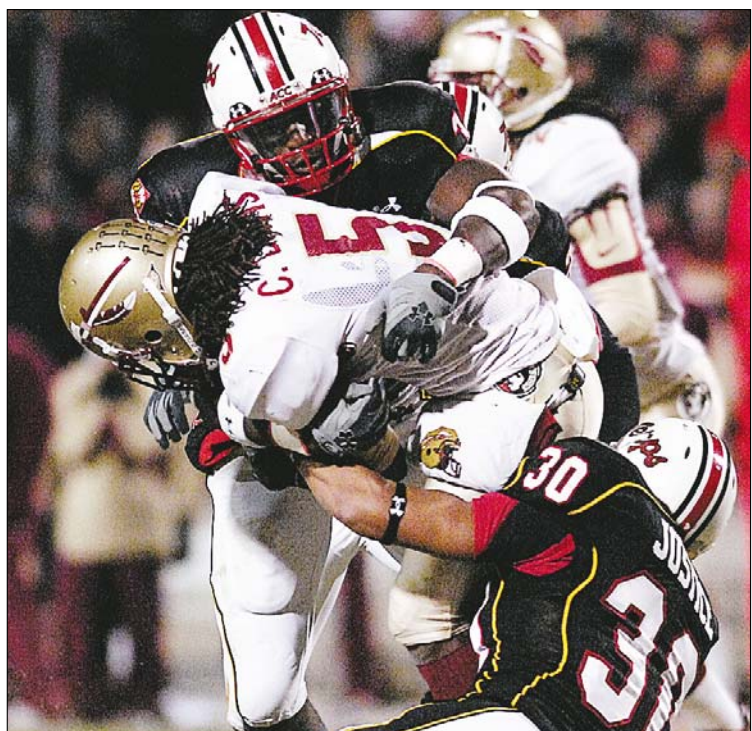
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Maryland linebacker Dave Philistin, top, and safety J.J. Justice, bottom, tackle Florida State wide receiver Chris Davis during Maryland's win against the Seminoles.

# This Year, Terps Fight for Wins

Maryland has found there are a variety of ways to beat opponents

TERPS FOOTBALL | Keon Lattimore had sensed it.

Early on, he thought he knew something about this team, that something was different. But he hadn't really seen it yet. Then, on what seemed to be a miserable mid-October day in Charlottesville, it showed itself.

The fight.

Since coming back from a 20-point hole to beat Virginia, Maryland has dispatched North Carolina State, Florida State, Clemson and Miami in succession. If they can add victories Saturday at Boston College (8-2, 4-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) and next week against Wake Forest (9-1, 5-1), the Terrapins (8-2, 5-1) will secure a spot in the ACC championship game.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the streak is the manner in which it has been accomplished. The Terrapins have won those five games by an average of fewer than three points.

They've done it on offense. Against Clemson, quarterback Sam Hollenbach engineered a drive in the final minute to set up the game-winning field goal.

They've done it on special teams. Against Florida State, Jeremy Navarre blocked a game-tying field goal attempt with 42 seconds left.

And they've done it on defense. Last week, against Miami, Trey Covington intercepted a third-down pass, halting a late Miami drive in Maryland territory.

"They're not panicking anymore," coach Ralph Friedgen said. "They even told me to relax Saturday. [The Hurricanes] were marching down the field and they said, 'We've got it, Coach.'"

The Terps also have excelled without posting impressive statistics. During the streak, they've rushed for as few as 54 yards and passed for as few as 115 yards. But it's the scoreboard that counts.

"We're probably very fortunate to be where we are," Friedgen said. "But we are where we are, and I'm not going to apologize for it."

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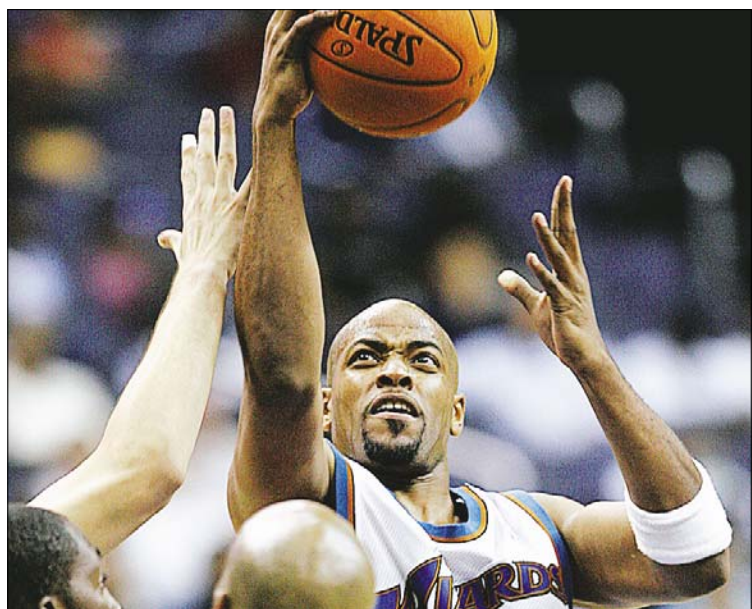
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**UP IN THE AIR:** The Wizards' Jarvis Hayes has struggled this season, shooting just 35 percent from the floor, but he's healthy and confident he'll find his touch.

# Searching for Consistency

## Wizards look to Hayes for solid minutes and scoring off the bench

**WIZARDS** | It was a good night.

One week ago today, Jarvis Hayes went off for 15 points. He fluidly stroked his jumper from outside on a 5-for-7 shooting performance that helped lift Washington to a narrow victory over Milwaukee.

The points were big — arguably game-saving.

"Beginning of last year, we lost that game," Wizards point guard Gilbert Arenas said. "We have [Antonio Daniels]. We have Jarvis Hayes. We have players who can put up points off the bench."

If only Hayes could do it on a regular basis.

Daniels' production has become a given. The veteran guard routinely provides the team pick-me-ups throughout the 48-minute-marathon that is an NBA game.

But Hayes' marksmanship — and ability to run the court at all — are a welcome bonus.

Hayes has been saddled by injuries throughout his short NBA career. The 10th overall pick out of Georgia in the 2003 draft has a solid career scoring average (9.6 points

per game) for a role player, but has played just 82 of Washington's 171 regular-season games since the start of the 2004-05 season.

He started 13 of the Wizards' first 21 games last season before suffering a right patella fracture.

On paper, the 6-foot-8 Hayes appears to be another tweener-type player for head coach Eddie Jordan to fit into the lineup. But his possible emergence as the off-the-bench shooter is a void the Wizards are desperately hoping he'll fill. He's averaging 6.7 points, but only shooting 35 percent from the floor entering tonight's game in Detroit.

"Before the season started, I got some extra shots up," he said. "It's only a matter of time before I get into a rhythm."

If Hayes can find his shooting stroke, it will give Jordan the luxury of resting Gilbert Arenas, Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler with more frequency. That could translate into an easier stretch run for Washington, which had to get big minutes out of its "Big Three" to secure a playoff spot last April.

"When coach wants to go to the second unit, Antonio and I have to provide — along with defense — some scoring off the bench," he said. ERIC BRANDNER

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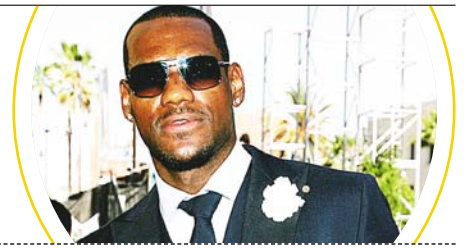
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**BLOND BOND:** A spunky Daniel Craig helps reinvent James Bond for the 21st century in the 21st 007 film, "Casino Royale."

## 'Casino' Winner

**Fresh, raw 'Royale' serves beefcake without the cheese**

**FILM** | It would have been enough just inserting a fresh face, Daniel Craig, as 007 in "Casino Royale" to give a whole new look and feel to the James Bond franchise.

Yet taking the world's great-

est spy back to his roots as a raw, impressionable brute whose cockiness at times fails him and who can lose his heart to a woman was a keen stroke of intelligence.

Craig plays Bond at a crossroads, which could lead him deeper down the loner's path of international intrigue or into a more conventional, companionable, happier life.

Directed by Martin Campbell,

"Casino Royale" is based on the first of Ian Fleming's novels about the British agent.

The 1950s story is updated by veteran Bond screenwriters Neal Purvis and Robert Wade and by Paul Haggis. Freshly bumped up to "Double-Oh," license-to-kill status, young Bond already is his own man, alternately impressing and infuriating spymaster M

(Judi Dench).

Bond is assigned to play in a high-stakes poker match in Montenegro orchestrated by Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen), a financier of global terrorism who needs to win the \$100-million-plus stake to pay back clients' money he squandered on an investment.

That Bond was the reason his investment went sour makes it all the more poetic, as the card game and its ramifications will have a huge impact on Bond's destiny.

A Treasury official is assigned to keep tabs on Bond's gambling stake and make sure he's playing prudently with the Crown's chips. Eva Green's Vesper Lynd is everything most Bond girls are not — smart, sarcastic, willful and fiercely independent.

The groundwork for many of the Bond trappings is deftly laid here. This James Bond doesn't care whether his martinis are shaken or stirred. He's surprised at what a difference a finely tailored tux makes. By chance, a classic Aston-Martin comes his way, and it's easy to see why it becomes Bond's automobile of choice.

The weight and grandeur Craig, the first blond Bond, brings to the role shows that superficial looks do not a Bond make.

Craig has the spirit of the character, rascally yet dark, blithe yet brutish, amorous yet lethal.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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## The Seedy Side of the Bun

**'Fast Nood Nation' drama moves slowly, but carries a big sick**

**FILM** | Richard Linklater teams up with "Fast Food Nation" writer Eric Schlosser to fictionalize Schlosser's 2001 nonfiction book. Stories involve a restaurant chain executive (Greg Kinnear) investigating high fecal levels in the burgers; a high school student (Ashley Johnson) who wants out of her cashier job; and a group of illegal immigrants (including Wilmer Valderrama and Catalina Sandino Moreno, with Luis

Guzman as their mule) who come from Mexico to work at a dangerous meatpacking plant.

Kinnear's Don Anderson travels from the Anaheim, Calif., headquarters of the Mickey's fast-food chain, famous for "The Big One" burger, to fictional Cody, Colo., to look into reports of contamination in the frozen patties being pumped out of the processing plant.

While in this cultural wasteland of strip malls and drive-thrus, he visits the local Mickey's restaurant, where Amber (Johnson) toils behind the counter. Whipping up the burgers, and occasionally spitting in



**MEAT IS MURDER:** "Fast Food" serves burger bulletins at a leisurely pace.

them, is Brian (Paul Dano).

Meanwhile, the illegal workers slave away amid the blood, guts and slabs of meat. Valderrama's Raul is in awe of the money he can make, but his wife, Sylvia (Moreno), can't stand it there and instead takes a job as a chamber maid. Sylvia's wild sister, Coco (Ana Claudia Talancon), meanwhile, gets hooked on meth when she starts messing around with Mike (Cannavale), her abusive boss at the plant.

Maybe the leisurely pace was intentional. Maybe Linklater wanted to lull you in to the film's rhythms to make the brutal ending seem like even more of a jolt. It is effective, though — it'll keep you from ordering a burger for quite some time. **CHRISTY**



# Hollywood Insiders

## Tinseltown send-up makes knowing jokes for those in the know

FILM | You didn't have to be a community-theater diva to appreciate Christopher Guest and Eugene Levy's stage spoof, "Waiting for Guffman." Or a dog lover to adore their canine comedy, "Best in Show." Or a graying folkie to tap your toes to "A Mighty Wind."

With their parody of movie-awards season, "For Your Consideration," though, the screenwriting pair have strayed into one of the world's weirdest insider zones, Hollywood. And while showbiz types will enjoy the send-up, much of the humor will be lost on general audiences.

As egomaniacal actors, sleazy agents, conniving producers and buffoonish entertainment reporters, the characters are remote and resonate far less sharply than the often pathetic, but recognizably real little souls of Guest and Levy's previous films.

Marilyn Hack (Catherine O'Hara) is a fading actress starring as the matriarch of a Southern Jewish family in the independent (and not very good drama) "Home for Purim." An Internet critic who visited the set posts an online assertion that Marilyn delivers an Oscar-worthy performance, and she begins to obsess over her chances.

Oscar fever quickly infects her co-stars, the somewhat pompous Victor Allan Miller (Harry Shearer), best known for playing Irv the



**HEAD FOR THE HILLS:** "For Your Consideration" spoofs the silly drama behind Hollywood's award season, though only showbiz folks might get the joke.

Foot-Long Wiener in commercials, and Callie Webb (Parker Posey), a stand-up performance artist trying to cross over to movies.

What had been an obscure movie suddenly is the toast of Hollywood, the Oscar chatter poisoning the lives of everyone involved with the movie, including the director (Guest), Victor's oozing agent (Levy), the dilettante producer (Jennifer Coolidge), the writers (Michael McKean and Bob Balaban) and the publicist (John Michael Higgins).

"For Your Consideration" is a straight narrative, unlike the mock-documentary style of Guest and Levy's earlier films, although it was largely improvised by the cast around a basic script.

Yet too many of the jokes are for hardcore Hollywood watchers.

The gags may be hit and miss, but the performances often are comic gems. This gang has worked together so often that they blend together effortlessly.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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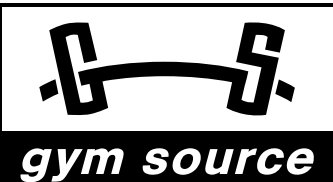
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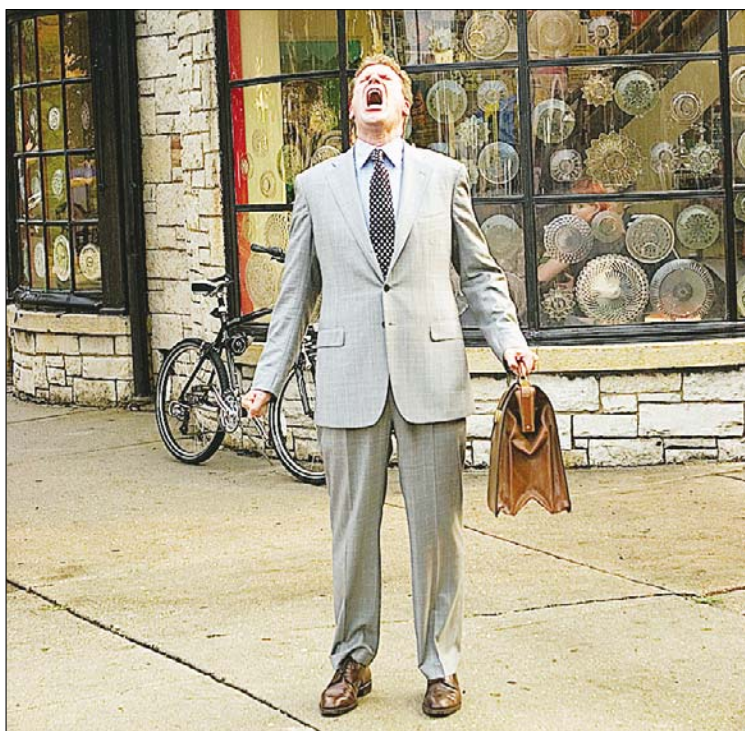
"Under the Tuscan Sun of 'Sideways.'" That's one way to think of this unfathomable adaptation of Peter Mayle's novel. Unfathomable because what on paper looks like a sure-fire formula—France, romance, wine and Russell Crowe—falls as flat as a bottle of corked Bordeaux. Crowe plays Max Skinner, a high-powered London broker who inherits a chateau and vineyard in Provence. Crowe runs the emotional gamut from bored to perplexed to just plain miserable in a romantic comedy that is neither romantic nor comic. (AH)

**BABEL** (R, 142 minutes) Director Alejandro González Iñárritu and writer Guillermo Arriaga tell multiple stories in multiple locations around the globe. Each tale is completely compelling on its own, and Iñárritu also proves superb at working with amateur actors. Yet as sophisticated a piece of filmmaking as it is, it seems hamstrung by the banality at its center and it never assembles into a satisfying whole. (SH)

**BORAT: CULTURAL LEARNINGS OF AMERICA FOR MAKE BENEFIT GLORIOUS NATION OF KAZAKHSTAN** (R, 89 minutes) Borat, played with seamless disingenuousness by Sacha Baron Cohen, has come to America to make a feature-length documentary for the people of his home country. As Borat cuts his wide and occasionally vicious swath, no petard goes unhoisted. It's a spectacle that delivers squeals, howls or at least low-level chuckles. The movie is a perfect combination of slapstick and satire, a Platonic ideal of highbrow and lowbrow. (AH)

**CATCH A FIRE** (PG-13, 102 minutes) This film recounts the true story of Patrick Chamusso, a South African factory worker whose political consciousness was forged in the fire of apartheid. Chamusso (Derek Luke) is blamed for a terrorist explosion, but revealing his alibi would expose a secret about his personal life, so he appears guilty and is brutally tortured. At first, we're watching a textured film about the evolution of a unique South African, but, as Chamusso's ultimate agenda becomes clear, we're suddenly caught up in an extended finale that unfolds with ticking clocks, screeching cars and SWAT teams. (DT)

**THE DEPARTED** (R, 149 minutes) A deranged wit runs through this film, which finds Martin Scorsese up to his



RALPH NELSON

**WITH A REBEL YELL HE CRIED, 'NO MORE, NO MORE!'** Will Ferrell can't stop the English woman's voice in his head in the dramedy "Stranger Than Fiction."

same old tricks of exploring an American ethnic subculture with frequent detours into carnage and mayhem. Scorsese plumbs the colorful depths of the Irish mob in Boston. Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon and Jack Nicholson play three men who came up in Southie, only to end up on opposite sides of the law, or straddling both. The movie crackles right along, stopping only for Scorsese's signature bursts of explosive violence. Those brawls feel a bit rote, but what's different here is humor. (AH)

**THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA** (PG-13, 109 minutes) Meryl Streep plays Miranda Priestly, the driven, demanding editor in chief of Runway, the bible of New York fashion magazines. Miranda's latest hire is Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), the smart girl who eschews fashion. She wants to be a serious writer. Can Andy survive Miranda and win a recommendation that will get her in the door at any magazine in Manhattan? Streep makes it work. JENNIFER FREY

**EVERYONE'S HERO** (G, 90 minutes) This animated film follows the 10-year-old son of a groundskeeper at Yankee Stadium who finds a talking baseball. But wait: Let's team the ball with the Babe's talking bat. The movie's a feast of miscalculations. Neither the bat nor the ball make for an enchanting child's companion. (SH)

**FACING THE GIANTS** (PG, 111 minutes) This is a crushingly earnest power-of-prayer movie in which a losing high school football team, divided by jealousies, plots, cliques and internal disorder, gives itself up to God and starts winning.

Writer-director Alex Kendrick stars as coach Grant Taylor of the Shiloh Christian Academy Eagles and is the benefactor of his own excellent performance as a man cut by doubts who finds a way—or should that be The Way? Kendrick knows how to tell a story powerfully and to galvanize a largely amateur cast into believable performances. The theology is for theologians to debate, but Christians will likely find it a rousing experience. (SH)

**FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS** (R, 132 minutes) The flag-raising on Iwo Jima was a real event that became a pseudo-event, the engine to a huge marketing machine with goals far more ambitious than the original participants could have imagined. And that process, exactly and resonantly, is the center of this heartbreaking and sobering film by Clint Eastwood. It is based on the best-seller by James Bradley, son of John "Doc" Bradley, one of the six who planted the flag on Mount Suribachi that day in February 1945. This film is passionate, honest, unflinching and gripping, and it pays respects. (SH)

**FLICKA** (PG, 94 minutes) Mary O'Hara's 1941 classic "My Friend Flicka" told the story of the dreamy younger son of a Wyoming rancher who found focus and love in his admiration for a mustang foal. In this edition, it's the younger daughter of a stern rancher, though the diagnosis is the same. There's no time for fibberty-dee about "feelings"; it's much more interested in how people get the job done, and that involves grit, labor and discipline. (SH)

**FLUSHED AWAY** (PG, 87 minutes) This

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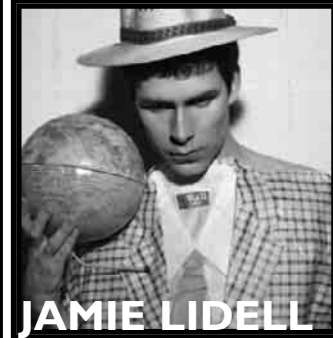
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first computer-generated cartoon by Aardman Animations — best known for Nick Park's brilliant "Wallace & Gromit" franchise — does away with the clay but leaves the craft and emotion intact. When circumstances conspire to send Roddy, a pet mouse (Hugh Jackman), down the loo and into a sewer-level London populated by rats, toads, the odd frog and a charming Greek chorus of slugs, he discovers what's really important in life. Shot through with cheeky wit and hilarious musical numbers by slugs. (AH)

**GRIDIRON GANG** (PG-13, 120 minutes) Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson stars as football coach Sean Porter in this fictionalized version of an inspiring real-life story. In 1990, Porter, who was working at a juvenile detention facility in California, recruited 11 of his toughest inmates to create a juvie football team and took the team to the championship. It's a terrific story, but director Phil Joanou ends up with a lugubrious tutorial on the importance of being a winner. (AH)

**THE GUARDIAN** (PG-13, 136 minutes) Kevin Costner plays Senior Chief Ben

Randall in this tribute to the Coast Guard Rescue Swimmers. Spent and depressed, Randall is asked to leave his duty station and repair to "A-School," which is a hard-core training program. There his prize pupil and biggest headache is Ashton Kutcher's Jake Fischer. For about an hour, it's a good little film, but it begins to overload its frail reed of a structure with giant sloppages of clichés. (SH)

**HARSH TIMES** (R, 116 minutes) Christian Bale plays Jim Davis, an Army Ranger honorably discharged after military action in Afghanistan. But his plans to marry and bring his Mexican sweetheart, Sylvia (Eva Longoria), to the United States are derailed when the only job he can get is in Colombia as a military adviser. Jim is getting crazier and angrier by the minute — the result of his wartime experiences — which portends bad things for everyone. There seems to be a message in here somewhere, but the movie's real agenda seems to be dreaming up ways to shock the audience. (DT)

**THE ILLUSIONIST** (PG-13, 109 minutes) Edward Norton plays Eisenheim, an illusionist who has become the toast of aristocratic Vienna and is being watched by Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti). The movie then backtracks to Eisenheim's beginnings as a poor boy, his friend-

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ship with a spirited young duchess and the downfall of their budding romance. The movie is a subtle, eerie augury of the cataclysm that awaits Austria, but it can't overcome a fatal inertness. (AH)

**INVINCIBLE** (PG, 99 minutes) Who doesn't have a soft spot for real-life sports stories reenacted by our most lovable Hollywood stars? Mark Wahlberg stars as Vince Papale, who in 1976 joined hundreds of Philadelphia Eagles fans in a publicity stunt of an open tryout; no one was more surprised than Papale himself when he made the cut. "Invincible" tells Papale's story without frills, contextualizing his achievement in 1970s Philly. (AH)

**JACKASS: NUMBER TWO** (R, 95 minutes) This sequel amounts to wall-to-wall bonehead behavior and it's hard to justify the grosser material, some of which borders on the pornographic. But these dudes understand the simple integrity of a slapstick gag. (DT)

**THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND** (R, 121 minutes) This film concerns the flamboyant African despot Idi Amin, said to have been responsible for the murder of 300,000 of his fellow Ugandans during the '70s. The movie uses a fictional device to get up close and personal, but Amin, representing a human extreme, is so much more interesting than his witness, a young Scottish doctor of prosaic appetites and self-interests (James McAvoy). (SH)

**LITTLE CHILDREN** (R, 130 minutes) In this movie, the arrival of a convicted child molester in East Wyndam, Mass., triggers outrage throughout the community. But in this movie's reverse code, Ronnie the pedophile (Jackie Earle Haley) is practically one of the good guys. What links the well-to-do residents of the town is a deep-seated frustration. The happiness everyone seeks seems to be missing. The film is a hugely absorbing social drama that is, by turns, excruciating, sad and sardonic. (DT)

**LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE** (R, 101 minutes) Throw a quirky family in a broken-down, yellow VW bus en route from Albuquerque to Redondo Beach, Calif., so that 7-year-old Olive (Abigail Breslin) can compete for the dubious title of Little Miss Sunshine. What happens when the family actually makes it to the pageant is sad, sweet, enlightening and really, really funny. JENNIFER FREY

**MAN OF THE YEAR** (PG-13, 108 minutes) A talk-show host is asked why he won't run for president; the question spawns an Internet campaign urging him to run, and eventually he jumps into the race. For the first half-hour, Williams does his trade-



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With "Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus," director Steven Shainberg and co-stars Nicole Kidman and Robert Downey Jr. have to be commended for their audacity in presenting a make-believe snapshot of the photographer rather than spinning yet another tale of a repressed artist finding her inner light. But the film's central conceit — a fictional, beauty-and-the-beast affair between Arbus and a neighbor covered head to toe with hair — slowly becomes just a cheat as Shainberg and screenwriter Erin Cressida Wilson concoct their portrait. It's beautifully filmed and acted, with a sense of Gothic horror blended into the stylishness of 1950s Manhattan sophisticates. For a film that takes such a flight of fancy, though, it's surprisingly stifling itself. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

mark stand-up and the script skewers politicians as surface-over-substance and the political process as cheap cabaret.

Then comes an electronic voting controversy. And corporate greed. Witness stalkings and car chases. If you're expecting a laugh fest, beware. (JF)

**MARIE ANTOINETTE** (PG-13, 118 minutes) Sofia Coppola has never been partial to narrative, but with this film she proves that she can tell a story. Kirsten Dunst plays the notorious French queen, whose engagement at age 14 to King Louis XVI was less a betrothal than a geopolitical merger. Much has been made of Coppola's frothy depiction of the Court of Versailles, but naysayers have completely missed the point of a film that is suffused with politics. Coppola brilliantly conjures the young queen's insular world, in which she was both isolated and claustrophobically scrutinized. (AH)

**THE MARINE** (PG-13, 93 minutes) John Cena shouldn't quit his day job. He plays John Triton, a war-tested Marine who's honorably discharged for killing terrorists without authorization. John gets back to the action, however, when a bionic gang of diamond robbers takes his wife hos-

tague. The movie doesn't wear patriotism on its sleeve—it nails a stars-and-stripes poster board to its forehead. (DT)

**OPEN SEASON** (PG, 79 minutes) Martin Lawrence voices Boog the bear, a grizzly who as a cub was adopted by kindhearted park ranger Beth (Debra Messing). When he crosses paths with an errant mule deer named Elliot (Ashton Kutcher), however, his cushy lifestyle ends, and he is dropped back into the wild, three days before hunting season. With a slick visual style, the movie trots out tropes that recent animated classics have done with more wit and smarts. (AH)

**THE PRESTIGE** (PG, 129 minutes) Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman and Michael Caine, who play feuding magicians and their mentor, respectively. And there's the twisty plot that actually gives viewers a fighting chance to figure things out before the Big Reveal. If you see only one magic-at-the-turn-of-the-century movie this year, make it this one. (AH)

**THE QUEEN** (PG-13, 99 minutes) England's constitutional irony is the chilly but entertaining subtext of Stephen Frears' tragi-

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**THE RETURN** (PG-13, 85 minutes) Sarah Michelle Gellar plays an executive recruiter working the rural highways of Texas for oil management talent when she suddenly starts having powerful visions. She imagines a murder, she sees faces and places and sometimes she's not sure whether she's recruiting a lubricant-distillation engineer or fleeing a psycho with a knife. The movie, although far from distinguished, never becomes campy or kitschy or stupid. (SH)

**RUNNING WITH SCISSORS** (R, 120 minutes) Annette Bening goes full-bore dame in this movie, which is based on

Augusten Burroughs' best-selling memoir. She's always perversely amusing, and the story is constructed as a survivor's ordeal, not a colorful picaresque. The survivor is her son, Augusten (Joseph Cross). When Bening is blowing the rafters off as the self-deluded Dierdre, the movie has an engine. (SH)

**SANTA CLAUS 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE** (G, 98 minutes) The third in a franchise that peaked in its first installment, this movie, which re-stars Tim Allen and 40 pounds of phony belly as the Christmas guy, has an almost criminal lack of invention or charm or even much story. (SH)

**SAW III** (R, 107 minutes) The gruesome manipulator Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) was last seen dying of brain cancer in "Saw II." But he captures a brain surgeon and forces her to operate on him with the tools in his hideout. A weird amalgam of disturbing gore and arty attempts to interweave Jigsaw's strange relationship with his sullen, ex-junkie assistant with flashback sequences and running storylines from the two previous movies, this sequel is essentially another hack job. (DT)

**SHORTBUS** (Unrated, 101 minutes)



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In 2004, the Dixie Chicks' lead singer, Natalie Maines, told a London audience she was "ashamed that the president [was] from Texas," garnering an extended whoop of approval from the crowd and the ferocious enmity of Bush supporters. In "Shut Up and Sing," renowned documentarian Barbara Kopple and co-director Cecilia Peck follow the band — Maines and sisters Emily Robison and Martie Maguire — and their acerbic British manager Simon Renshaw as they negotiate the treacherous straits of speaking out, spin, celebrity, protest and even music-making. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

To read Arion Berger's conversation with "Shut Up and Sing" co-director Barbara Kopple, visit [readexpress.com](http://readexpress.com).

John Cameron Mitchell, best known for "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," brings giddiness to this exploration of on-screen sex. But once the shock value has worn off, the movie becomes less daring than tiresome. (AH)

**STRANGER THAN FICTION** (PG-13, 105 minutes) Harold Crick (Will Ferrell) keeps hearing a voice in his head. It belongs to Kay Eiffel (Emma Thompson), an English writer who just happens to be writing a novel about a character named Harold Crick, who she plans to kill off. We nearly lick our lips, anticipating the intriguing resolutions ahead. Unfortunately, the filmmakers seem to have their minds on some other movie. (DT)

**TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY** (PG-13, 105 minutes) Will Ferrell's NASCAR sendup doesn't do much more than go for the quick guffaw from stereotypical red-neck jokes. (TW)



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## Nightlife Agenda

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Daniel Craig makes his debut as the sixth James Bond in "Casino Royale" — the inspiration for the "Casino Royale" afterparty at **LEFTBANK**. Sponsored by Smirnoff Vodka, this is the latest Bond-themed event sponsored by Party Slave. There's no cover when you RSVP, an open Smirnoff bar between 9 and 11 p.m. and "Best Bond" and "Best Bond Girl" contests. Get on the list at [www.jamesbonddc.com](http://www.jamesbonddc.com).

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### SATURDAY

The annual **CHILL ON THE HILL** bar crawl has expanded in its third year. Capitol Hill gets a bad rap, but the stretch between the Capitol South Metro station and Eastern Market has a good concentration of bars that can be less wonky than you'd expect. From 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., hop among 11 bars (walking or via the "Kegbus") for \$2 Buds and food specials. Participating taverns



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Dischord Records now skews toward indie pop made by male/female duos, like the Evens, the Aquarium and, gigging at **GALAXY HUT**, Soccer Team, a band less immediately gripping than the other two acts, but the group's self-titled debut album is a fine effort. Ryan Nelson and Melissa Quinley's songs have a slightly haphazard feel. But that doesn't take away from the quality of the material; in fact, it makes it sound more honest.



LeBron James is at Love this weekend, but those in athletic garb will not be.

For more than two decades, musicians from around the world have descended on Memphis for the International Blues Challenge, which finds them competing battle-of-the-bands-style on famed Beale Street stages. Participants are selected by local organizations, such as our own D.C. Blues Society, which hosted several heats before Robert Lighthouse was selected in the "Solo Artist" category and Clarence "the Bluesman" Turner got the nod in "Best Band." Now they have to figure out a way to pay for their trips. The D.C. Blues Society is hosting a benefit concert at **CHICK HALL'S SURF CLUB**, featuring Lighthouse, Turner and the Delaware Blues Society's winner, Mikey Jr. Admission is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. The music starts at 7 p.m.

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**HAPPY FEET (PG)** / (10:15, 11:00 @ \$5), 1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:15, 9:10, 10:00  
**HORRORFEST - DARK RIDE (R)** / 9:30 PM  
**HORRORFEST - REINCARNATION (RINNE) (R)** / 4:30, 12:00  
**HORRORFEST - UNREST (R)** / 7:00  
**LET'S GO TO PRISON (R)** (10:25 @ \$5), 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40, 12:55  
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**A GOOD YEAR (PG13)** / (10:20 @ \$5), 1:05, 4:05, 6:55, 9:50  
**HARSH TIMES (R)** / (11:55 @ \$5), 5:35, 11:40  
**THE RETURN (PG13)** / (11:35 @ \$5), 2:10, 5:05, 7:35, 10:15, 12:30  
**STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13)** / (10:45 @ \$5), 12:15, 2:00, 3:05, 4:55, 5:50, 7:50, 8:45, 10:50, 11:30  
**BORAT (R)** (11:45 @ \$5), 12:30, 2:15, 3:00, 4:35, 5:30, 7:05, 8:00, 9:35, 10:30, 11:55, 12:45  
**FLUSHED AWAY (PG)** (10:15, 11:15 @ \$5), 12:45, 1:40, 3:15, 4:10, 5:45, 6:45, 9:00  
**THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G)** (11:30 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55  
**SAW III (R)** (10:55 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:45  
**FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R)** 2:35, 8:25  
**THE PRESTIGE (PG13)** (10:30 @ \$5), 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10  
**THE DEPARTED (R)** (11:50 @ \$5), 3:50, 7:35, 11:05

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**BABEL (R)** / (10:50 @ \$5), 2:30, 11:45, 12:30  
**THE QUEEN (PG13)** (11:05 @ \$5), 2:05, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

#### AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road  
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**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** / 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:20  
**HAPPY FEET (PG)** / 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00  
**LET'S GO TO PRISON (R)** / 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20  
**A GOOD YEAR (PG13)** / 1:20, 4:20  
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**THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G)** 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10  
**THE DEPARTED (R)** 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10

**AMC SELECT**  
**BABEL (R)** / 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15

#### AMC MAZZA GALLERY

Jenifer and Wisconsin  
202-537-9553

**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** / 1:05, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20  
**HAPPY FEET (PG)** / 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30  
**A GOOD YEAR (PG13)** / 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40  
**A GOOD YEAR (PG13)** (10:20 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40  
**BORAT (R)** 12:15, 2:20, 4:25, 6:30, 8:35, 10:40  
**FLUSHED AWAY (PG)** 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30  
**THE DEPARTED (R)** 12:00, 3:15, 6:25, 9:35

**AMC SELECT**  
**BABEL (R)** / 12:30, 3:35, 6:40, 9:45

#### LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.  
202-342-6441

**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** / 12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00, 11:00  
**HAPPY FEET (PG)** / 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45  
**A GOOD YEAR (PG13)** / 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30  
**HARSH TIMES (R)** / 1:50, 6:55, 12:00  
**THE RETURN (PG13)** / 4:35, 9:40  
**STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13)** / 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50  
**STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13)** (10:20 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50  
**BORAT (R)** 12:10, 1:10, 2:25, 3:25, 4:40, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20, 11:45, 12:25  
**THE PRESTIGE (PG13)** 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15  
**THE DEPARTED (R)** 12:05, 3:20, 6:45, 10:10

**AMC SELECT**  
**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (PG13)** / 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05, 12:15

**BABEL (R)** 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:35  
**RUNNING WITH SCISSORS (R)** 5:00, 10:40  
**MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG13)** 2:10, 7:50  
**THE QUEEN (PG13)** 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55

#### LOEWS LEXINGTON PARK 6

21882 FDR Boulevard  
301-862-5000

**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** 12:45, 3:45, 6:50, 10:00  
**HAPPY FEET (PG)** 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45  
**BORAT (R)** 1:15, 4:05, 8:00, 10:45  
**FLUSHED AWAY (PG)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
**THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G)** 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15  
**SAW III (R)** 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

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**SAW III (R)** (11:55 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20  
**FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R)** 6:40, 9:45  
**THE PRESTIGE (PG13)** 7:05, 10:05  
**THE DEPARTED (R)** 12:25, 3:55, 7:20, 10:35

**AMC SELECT**  
**BABEL (R)** (10:10 @ \$5), 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40

#### AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway  
410-423-0520

**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** (10:45 @ \$5), 2:15, 5:45, 9:15  
**HAPPY FEET (PG)** (11:00 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00  
**LET'S GO TO PRISON (R)** (11:10 @ \$5), 1:25, 3:45, 6:05, 8:25, 10:45  
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**SAW III (R)** 7:25, 10:10  
**FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R)** 1:35, 6:45  
**THE PRESTIGE (PG13)** 1:05, 4:05, 6:55, 9:50  
**MAN OF THE YEAR (PG13)** 2:45, 8:15  
**THE DEPARTED (R)** 12:15, 3:35, 7:05, 10:30

**AMC SELECT**  
**BABEL (R)** 12:05, 3:25, 6:30, 9:35

#### LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike  
703-506-9857 802

**HARSH TIMES (R)** 1:40, 4:10, 7:40, 10:10  
**THE RETURN (PG13)** / 12:45, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30  
**DON (NR-NOT RATED)** 1:00, 5:00, 9:00  
**FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R)** 12:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50  
**FLICKA (PG)** 12:40, 3:00, 5:30  
**MAN OF THE YEAR (PG13)** 1:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:00

**AMC SELECT**  
**MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG13)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05  
**THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13)** 7:50, 10:15  
**LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R)** 12:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

#### MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo  
301-324-4220

**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** 12:10, 3:15, 6:45, 10:15  
**HAPPY FEET (PG)** 1:15, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15  
**LET'S GO TO PRISON (R)** 12:20, 2:55, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50  
**THE RETURN (PG13)** 1:05, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:10  
**BORAT (R)** 12:15, 2:45, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55  
**FLUSHED AWAY (PG)** 12:05, 1:40, 2:40, 4:10, 5:10, 6:40, 7:40, 9:00, 10:15  
**THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G)** 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
**SAW III (R)** 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
**THE DEPARTED (R)** 12:30, 3:35, 6:50, 10:00

**AMC SELECT**  
**BABEL (R)** 12:35, 3:50, 6:55, 10:05  
**CATCH A FIRE (PG13)** 12:25, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25

#### LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph  
703-671-0910 801

**AMC SELECT**  
**FAST FOOD NATION (R)** 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00  
**BABEL (R)** 2:00, 5:00, 8:00  
**COPYING BEETHOVEN (PG13)** 2:10, 4:40, 7:40, 9:40  
**FUR: AN IMAGINARY PORTRAIT OF DIANE ARBUS (R)** 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30  
**THE QUEEN (PG13)** 1:20, 3:50, 7:00, 9:10  
**THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R)** 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50  
**LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R)** 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:20

#### LOEWS DUPONT 2

1350 19th St.  
1-800-FANDANGO #711

**AMC SELECT**  
**FAST FOOD NATION (R)** 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:10, 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:10  
**COPYING BEETHOVEN (PG13)** 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:15  
**FUR: AN IMAGINARY PORTRAIT OF DIANE ARBUS (R)** 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40  
**THE ILLUSIONIST (PG13)** 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

#### AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center  
703-998-4262

**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** / (10:20 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:50, 3:20, 5:00, 6:35, 8:20, 10:00, 11:40  
**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** (10:20 @ \$6), 1:50, 5:00, 8:20, 11:40  
**HAPPY FEET (PG)** / (10:15, 11:40 @ \$6), 1:00, 2:20, 3:45, 5:05, 6:25, 7:45, 8:10, 10:25, 11:45  
**LET'S GO TO PRISON (R)** / (10:35 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35  
**A GOOD YEAR (PG13)** / (11:15 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30  
**STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13)** / (10:30 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20  
**BORAT (R)** (10:25, 11:35 @ \$6), 12:45, 1:55, 3:05, 4:25, 5:40, 7:00, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45, 11:55  
**FLUSHED AWAY (PG)** (10:00 @ \$6), 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25, 11:35  
**THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G)** (10:00 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15  
**SAW III (R)** (11:00 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 9:35, 12:00  
**THE PRESTIGE (PG13)** (10:40 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:40, 7:55, 10:55  
**THE DEPARTED (R)** (10:05 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:50, 8:10, 11:30

**AMC SELECT**  
**BABEL (R)** / (10:10 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:25, 7:35, 10:50  
**THE QUEEN (PG13)** (11:30 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55

#### AMC RIVERTOWNE 12

Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.  
703-998-4AMC

**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** / 6:30, 10:00  
**HAPPY FEET (PG)** / 4:30, 7:15, 10:00  
**LET'S GO TO PRISON (R)** 4:15, 7:15, 9:50  
**THE RETURN (PG13)** 5:45, 8:10, 10:45  
**FLUSHED AWAY (PG)** 5:40, 8:10, 10:30  
**THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G)** 4:15, 7:15, 9:50  
**SAW III (R)** 4:40, 7:30, 10:30  
**THE MARINE (PG13)** 8:10, 10:30  
**THE DEPARTED (R)** 7:00, 10:10  
**OPEN SEASON (PG)** 5:45  
**GRIDIRON GANG (PG13)** 4:35, 7:25, 10:15

**AMC SELECT**  
**BABEL (R)** 7:00, 10:15  
**CATCH A FIRE (PG13)** 4:25, 7:10, 10:10

#### AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.  
703-998-4AMC

**HORRORFEST - DARK RIDE (R)** 9:30 PM  
**HORRORFEST - REINCARNATION (RINNE) (R)** 4:30  
**HORRORFEST - UNREST (R)** 7:00  
**A GOOD YEAR (PG13)** / 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50  
**THE RETURN (PG13)** / 4:50, 10:15  
**STRANGER THAN FICTION (PG13)** / 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05  
**FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R)** 1:00, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00  
**THE PRESTIGE (PG13)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15  
**THE DEPARTED (R)** 1:10, 4:20, 7:40, 10:45

**AMC SELECT**  
**BABEL (R)** / 1:20, 4:40, 7:45, 10:50  
**MARIE ANTOINETTE (PG13)** 1:55, 7:15

#### AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.  
301-729-6633

**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** / 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:55  
**LET'S GO TO PRISON (R)** / 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30  
**A GOOD YEAR (PG13)** / 1:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45  
**A GOOD YEAR (PG13)** (10:20 @ \$5), 1:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45  
**FLUSHED AWAY (PG)** 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30  
**THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G)** 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10  
**FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R)** 12:15, 3:15, 6:45, 9:45

#### LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6

4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.  
202-244-0880

**HORRORFEST - REINCARNATION (RINNE) (R)** 4:30  
**HORRORFEST - UNREST (R)** 7:00  
**LET'S GO TO PRISON (R)** 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:20  
**HARSH TIMES (R)** 1:50, 7:20  
**THE RETURN (PG13)** 4:30, 9:40  
**THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G)** 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35  
**SAW III (R)** 7:30, 9:50  
**FLICKA (PG)** 1:40, 4:40  
**THE PRESTIGE (PG13)** 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

#### LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda  
1-800-FANDANGO #741

**CASINO ROYALE (PG13)** 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 10:00  
**HAPPY FEET (PG)** 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45  
**BORAT (R)** 12:10, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30  
**THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE (G)** 12:15, 2:35, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45

**AMC SELECT**  
**BABEL (R)** 12:40, 3:40, 7:05, 10:10

#### LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
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**FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS (R)** 12:00, 3:00, 10:00

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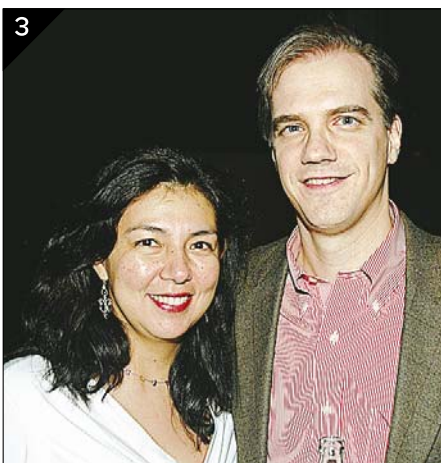
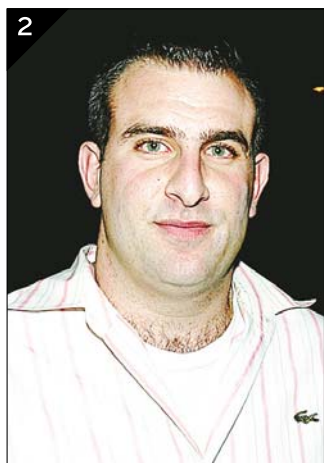
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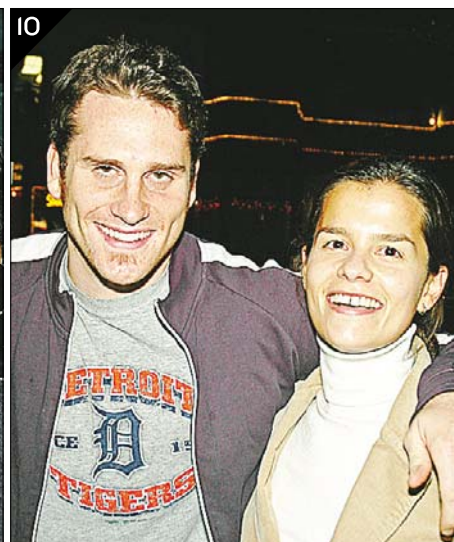
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4. "I don't think Republicans are celebrating these days."



8. "Democrats are willing to slum it, while Republicans go high-end."



10. "Democrats have more fun — that's all I can say."

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**Q** Do Democrats and Republicans party differently? If so, how?

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**1.** "Democrats drink all the wine and Republicans pay for it," Paige Koopman, left. "Chess club vs. hockey team: Republicans plan the party, Democrats come to it," Kurt Ela. **2.** "The same, I guess. I'm a non-voter," Chris Terranova. **3.** "Democrats are comfortable letting women take the lead," Kenn Rapp, right, with Rocio Rapp. **4.** "Republicans listen to country/western, Democrats to eclectic," Princess Cooper, left, with Akili Cooper. **5.** "Republicans don't know how to party," Scott Zednek, left. "Democrats have fun, actually have sex," Paul Conner. **6.** "A cigar, I think, is the difference," Jason Goodman, left. "I don't think Republicans are celebrating these days," Jeff Boodman. **7.** "I have no contact with Republicans," David Foster, right, with Tim Pittman. **8.** "Democrats are willing to slum it, while Republicans go high-end," Shannon Fallen, left, with Brooke Fallen. **9.** "Democrats have a lot of fun," Danielle Harris, right, with Kim Schanette. **10.** "Democrats have more fun — that's all I can say," Rainer Quitzow, left, with Ana Fronesca. **11.** "Both the same because they're both 'parties,'" Eva Flaherty, left. "Republicans socialize for status; Democrats party to have a good time," Kate Elsam. MINA PAHLEVAN







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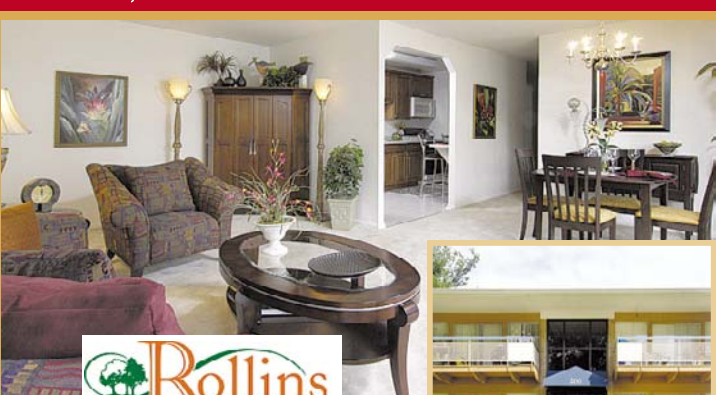
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## Another Lucky Seven

### Travel

#### Cast your vote for the next list of greatest wonders of the world

A global competition to name the new Seven Wonders of the World is attracting widespread interest, with more than 20 million people voting so far, organizers say.

The Egyptian pyramids are the only surviving structures from the original list of seven architectural marvels. Long gone are the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the statue of Zeus at Olympia, the temple of Artemis at Ephesus, the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, the Colossus of Rhodes and the Pharos or light-

house of Alexandria.

Candidates for the new list have been narrowed down to 21, including the Eiffel Tower, Statue of Liberty, Taj Mahal and Peru's Machu Picchu. The public can vote until July 6, 2007, by Internet or phone. The seven winners will be announced July 7 in Lisbon, Portugal.

Choosing world wonders has been a continuing fascination over the centuries. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, or UNESCO, keeps updating its list of World Heritage Sites, which now totals 830 places.

The "New 7 Wonders of the World" campaign was begun in 1999 by Swiss adventurer Bernard Weber, with almost 200 nominations coming in from around the world.

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Tourists visit the 2,500-year-old Parthenon Temple on Athens' Acropolis hill

Weber "felt it is time for something new to bring the world together" and to "symbolize a common pride in the global cultural heritage," said Tia B. Viering, spokeswoman for the campaign. Weber's Switzerland-based foundation aims to promote cultural diversity by supporting, preserving and restoring monuments. It relies on private donations and revenue from selling broadcasting rights.

Nominations were whittled down by public votes to 77 last

year. Then a panel of architectural experts, chaired by former UNESCO chief Federico Mayor, shortened the list to 21. Interest has grown as Weber and his 10-member team visit the 21 sites. Their final visit will be March 6 to New York's Statue of Liberty.

In addition to the Statue of Liberty, pyramids, Eiffel Tower, Taj Mahal and Machu Picchu, the finalists are the Acropolis; Turkey's Hagia Sophia; the Kremlin and St. Basil's Cathedral; the Colosseum;

#### SOME OF THE CONTENDERS

→ **ACROPOLIS, GREECE:** A million people come here each year.

→ **ALHAMBRA, SPAIN:** Stunning features include mosaics, arabesques and mocarabe, or honeycomb work.

→ **ANGKOR, CAMBODIA:** The 12th-century ruins include Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom.

→ **MACHU PICCHU, PERU:** Built by the Incan Empire in the 15th century, Machu Picchu's walls, palaces, temples and dwellings are perched in the clouds at 8,000 feet above sea level.

→ **PETRA, JORDAN:** This ancient city in southwestern Jordan was the capital of the Arab kingdom of the Nabateans.

→ **PYRAMIDS OF GIZA, EGYPT:** The only surviving structures of the original seven wonders.

→ **STATUE OF LIBERTY, NEW YORK:** The 305-foot-tall statue in New York Harbor has welcomed immigrants and symbolized freedom since 1886, when it was dedicated as a gift from the French government.

Germany's Neuschwanstein Castle; Stonehenge; Spain's Alhambra; the Great Wall; Japan's Kiyomizu Temple; the Sydney Opera House; Cambodia's Angkor; Timbuktu; Petra, Jordan; Brazil's Statue of Christ Redeemer; Easter Island; and Chichen Itza, Mexico. ELIANE ENGLER AND ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS (AP)

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**BOOK CLUB** | So you've paged through your Express, and you're still sitting there on the Metro. What are you going to do now? Why not read some more — with us?

Today, Express kicks off its first-ever Book Club, where you can follow along in the coming weeks, and, if you like, join in on our discussion of "The Inheritance of Loss," by Kiran Desai, who is the youngest woman ever to win Britain's prestigious Man Booker Prize for Fiction. It'll all take place on our Web site, [READEXPRESS.COM](http://READEXPRESS.COM).

Like any book club, we'll keep a schedule, so, if you're caught up, you can throw your own thoughts into the mix — just add a comment to our posts online.

We'll discuss the first 15 chapters on Nov. 20. Then, after Thanksgiving, we'll post about the book each week on Mondays and Thursdays. Get our full schedule, and more about the book, online now at [READEXPRESS.COM](http://READEXPRESS.COM).

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

### Courting the Redskins

**SPORTS** | When the Redskins left RFK Stadium in 1997, [JDLAND.COM](http://JDLAND.COM), who diligently keeps watch over development news at and near the Washington Nationals' South Capitol Street ballpark, predicted "that there was no way they'd still be out in Landover 20 years down the road." Wednesday night, WRC-TV/NBC4 reported that, according



**CONGRESS:** Should Utah get another vote just to get one for Eleanor Holmes Norton?

to D.C. Council member Jack Evans, the District has been unofficially courting Daniel Snyder about moving the team from FedEx Field in Prince George's County.

The new home? Maybe a year-round — possibly domed — perch at RFK Stadium, a facility that "would be eligible for the Super Bowl event that Snyder dreams of," WRC reports. [JDLAND.COM](http://JDLAND.COM) thought

back on her prediction. "There's still 11 years for me to be proved right."

MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

### → Coming Up Today

Legislation that would give D.C. a full vote in the House of Representatives may make it on to the congressional agenda in December. But should D.C. be fighting so hard just to get partial representation in Congress?

## ? Poll Center

### TODAY'S QUESTION

Should the Vatican allow priests to get married?

1. Yes
2. No

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Will you watch O.J. Simpson's upcoming interview?

**NO** **YES**

88% 12%

As of 6:45 p.m. Thursday. Not a scientific poll.

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"War is peace, freedom is slavery, hunger is 'multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake.'"

A COMMENTER ON [TRUTHDIG.COM](http://TRUTHDIG.COM) THINKS THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT'S ELIMINATING "HUNGER" AS A CLASSIFICATION IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT ON AMERICANS' ACCESS TO FOOD IS SORT OF ORWELLIAN.

### Lohan vs. Hilton

"Seriously, Paris Hilton better watch her back, because with all of Lindsay's driving 'accidents,' it won't be long before one of those accidents runs over Paris' head. ... Actually, that would make for a really good episode of 'Law and Order.'"

[EGOTASTIC.COM](http://EGOTASTIC.COM) WARNS HILTON TO FEAR LINDSAY LOHAN, WHO IS ANGRY WITH HILTON FOR GOING AFTER HER EX-BOYFRIEND.

### Silver Spring Envy

"Apparently, Rockville has decided to put up its own fountain in the new Rockville Town Center project. Good for them, but ... it looks exactly like the one in our very own downtown Silver Spring."

[SILVERSPRINGSCENE.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://SILVERSPRINGSCENE.BLOGSPOT.COM) NOTICES SOMETHING FAMILIAR IN A RENDERING OF ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER.



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### A Roomier Ride

"I must say that I was pleasantly surprised with newfangled '6000 Series' trains. There was a ton of standing room and the same number of seats. ... Of course, when I'm the guy standing in the middle ... with nothing to hold on to, my opinion could very well change."

[WHYIHATEDC.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://WHYIHATEDC.BLOGSPOT.COM) OFFERS SOME PRAISE FOR METRO RAIL'S RECONFIGURED RAIL CAR INTERIORS.

### Pelosi's Old Enemy, Her No. 2

"... [I]sn't Nancy Pelosi's grip on the caucus in question, especially since [Rep. Steny] Hoyer had clearly well-positioned himself in advance of this vote with the committee chairs, moderates and the incoming freshmen class?"

[LEFTCOASTER.COM](http://LEFTCOASTER.COM) WONDERS WHETHER SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI HAS CONTROL OVER HOUSE DEMOCRATS AFTER THEY CHOSE HER LONGTIME RIVAL, STENY HOYER, AS THE HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER.

## Live Online

### Celeb Weddings

Brides.com editor in chief **THE-RESA DIMASI** was online Thursday at [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com) to answer questions about TomKat's wedding, set for Saturday.

**Do celebrity weddings have any effect on normal weddings? Do magazines look to celeb weddings to set the trends for the rest of us?** Yes, just like anything else, magazines, stylists and the everyday public look to celebrities for inspiration. Case in point: When Carolyn Bessette married John F. Kennedy Jr., she wore a slip dress designed by Narciso Rodriguez. From that point forward, brides everywhere hopped on the trend.

**Can you explain a Scientology wedding? How is it different from a typical Western wedding ceremony? Also, isn't Katie Catholic?** A Scientology wedding does have many element similar to other religious weddings. They have a best man, a bridal procession, and it is,

overall, considered a happy occasion. The main difference is that guests are asked to agree to the union. Yes, Katie is Catholic. This wedding will have two ceremonies — first a Catholic one, then a Scientology one.

**How long till Katie's wedding dress is reproduced by a gazillion knock-off companies?**

We see this all the time. Once a celebrity wears a dress, we often see it reproduced quickly. I'm guessing that in as little as a few months we'll see some knock-offs.

**Could you please explain to me why TomKat is going all-out for this wedding? He's 45 years old and it's his third marriage. And they have a baby together. Makes me long for the surprise, small, intimate weddings celebrities usually have.**

This wedding is a true reflection of Tom's personality. He craves the attention and he loves to make a statement. Why not get married in the place where the term "paparazzi" originated? Keep in mind this is his third marriage, but it is Katie's first and she has always wanted to have a fairy tale wedding. A medieval castle is a perfect choice.

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**TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE:** "The Art of Bond" author Laurent Bouzereau will discuss the new bond film, "Casino Royale," at 11:30 a.m. | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)



## Bizarro | Dan Piraro



## Cornered | Mike Baldwin

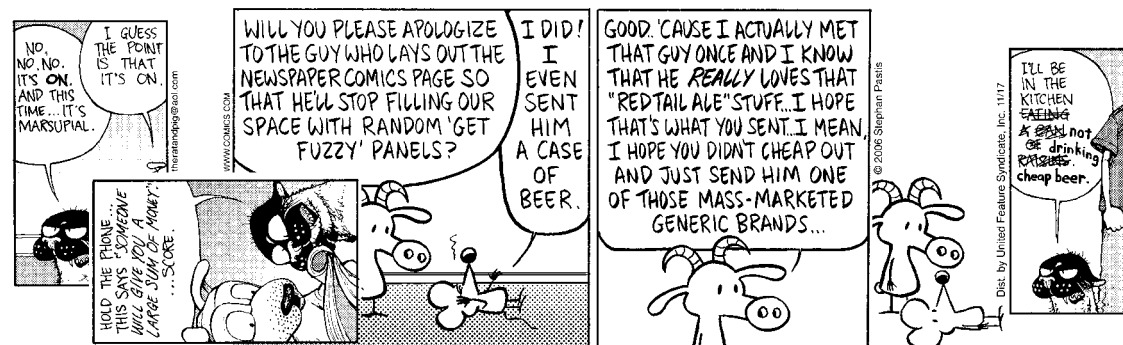


"This place caters to workaholics."

## Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



## Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



## The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Popularity may become a major issue, but you don't want to get caught up in a race for rewards that are devoid of any real value.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** The more specific you are in your desires, the more likely you are to receive what it is you want — particularly in a personal vein.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Now is not the time to alter your plans, your tactics or your lifestyle for any reason. Self-discipline is the key to success — still.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Someone is bound to make you an offer you cannot refuse — but you must take some time to consider the pros and cons. Are you fully prepared?

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Open yourself up to the unknown and you will be rewarded in ways you had not imagined. An adventure is in the making, and it's almost time.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Events from your own past are in the spotlight once

again. You may find yourself caught between two conflicting desires at home or at work.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** It may be up to you to settle a long-term dispute between two friends. You must strive to be fair and objective at all times.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A lesson you've been trying to learn for some time may prove all the more elusive because you are allowing yourself to be distracted.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Overdo it and you'll be in no condition to tackle a challenge that comes your way tomorrow — and you must certainly be ready.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Others may be following in your footsteps, so you must use extra care when following a more dangerous path than usual.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Entertain unusual notions, and do not shy away from those ideas that seem to be in some way threatening. Danger offers certain rewards.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** This is a good day to give compliments freely — and to offer practical assistance whenever you can. Cooperation can yield surprising results.

## Letters

### Cruise Wedding Isn't News

**EXPRESS' QUALITY CONTINUED** its descent on Thursday with the front-page photo of Tom Cruise, et al.

I daresay that of all of the events happening in the world today, this has the least news value to anyone except Cruise and his family. In case your editors forgot, there's a war in Iraq, bickering in Congress and genocide in Darfur.

—IZZY MACK  
Washington, D.C.

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## Today in History

**1558** Elizabeth I ascends the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

**1800** Congress holds its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building.

**1889** The Union Pacific Railroad Co. begins direct, daily railroad service between Chicago and Portland, Ore., as well as Chicago and San Francisco.

**1962** President Kennedy dedicates Dulles International Airport in Virginia.

**1970** The Soviet Union lands an unmanned, remote-



President Kennedy gets a tour of the new Dulles Airport today in 1962.

controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod 1.

**1979** Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini orders the release of 13 female and black American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.



# LOOK out

## People



She's so pretty and fightable-for.

### BAD BODYGUARDS

#### Angelina Is Worth Fighting For. Even Against Small Kids

**ANGELINA JOLIE**'s bodyguards allegedly roughed up parents and students Thursday at a school where she was filming scenes for "A Mighty Heart." The fracas began when the gates of the Anjuman-e-Islam school, which had been locked during filming, were opened to let the parents fetch their children. (AP)

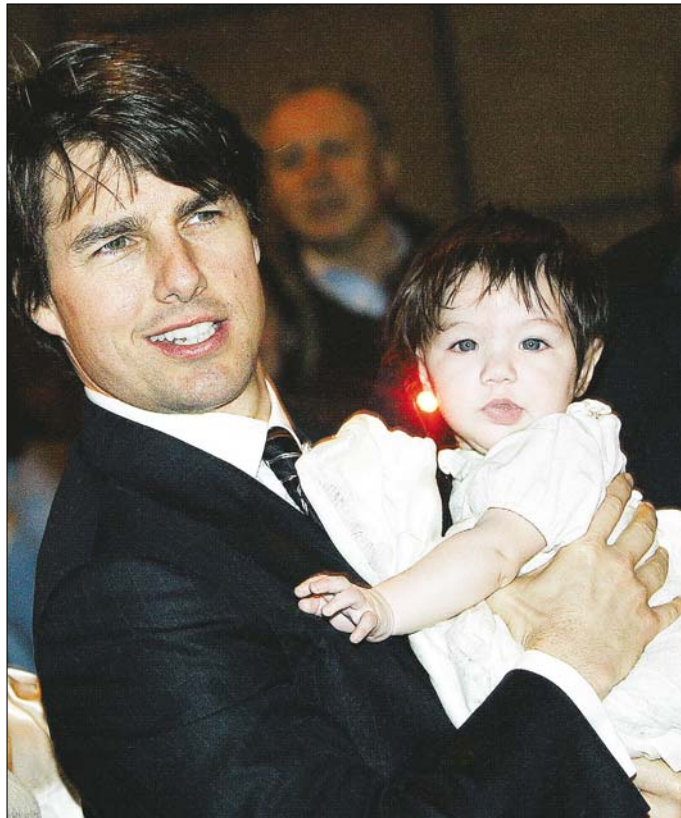
### AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB

#### Famous People With A Credit Rating of Zero



**WHITNEY HOUSTON**'s New Jersey mansion is slated to be sold at a sheriff's sale because she is more than \$1 mil-

lion behind on the mortgage and taxes have not been paid this year. The sale is scheduled for Jan. 4. (AP)



### CUTEST BABY EVER

## Suri Says, 'Hey'

**TOM CRUISE** and **KATIE HOLMES** will likely wed Saturday in a Scientology ceremony at a 15th-century castle near Rome, the town's mayor confirmed Thursday. The wedding party are then expected to attend a banquet in Rome, Bracciano Mayor Patrizia Riccioni said. She was coy about details, saying only that she expected the couple to arrive Saturday morning at the castle. (AP)

### SORRY Your Baby Will Not Be as Cute as Suri

**JAIME PRESSLY** has made it official: She's pregnant. "I'm four months' pregnant! I'm making it official tonight for the first time," she told Jay Leno on NBC's "The Tonight Show" on Wednesday. The blond bombshell, known for her Emmy-nominated



Jaime is sad to have a sub-Suri infant.

role as the trash-talking Joy on "My Name Is Earl," and disc jockey Eric Cubiche became engaged last month. They had been dating for about 18 months. Pressly said she knows the baby is a boy. "I'm healthy, the baby's healthy. We're good," she said. (AP)

### WEIRD CASES

#### Confusing, Sketchy, Etc.

A woman who claims **JAMES BROWN** raped her is asking the Supreme Court to hear her sexual harassment lawsuit, which a lower court ruled this year she had waited

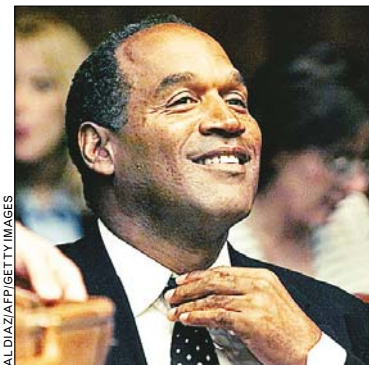


too long to file. Jacque Hollander said Brown raped her at gunpoint in 1988 while she was his publicist. (AP)

### FREE PUBLICITY

#### Relatives Have the Exact Desired Response to O.J.

Relatives of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman are lashing out at the planned book by **O.J. SIMPSON** in which he discusses how he would have committed the killings of his ex-wife and her friend "if I did it." "He destroyed my son and took from my family Ron's future and life. And for that I'll hate him always," Fred Goldman said on "Good Morning America." (AP)

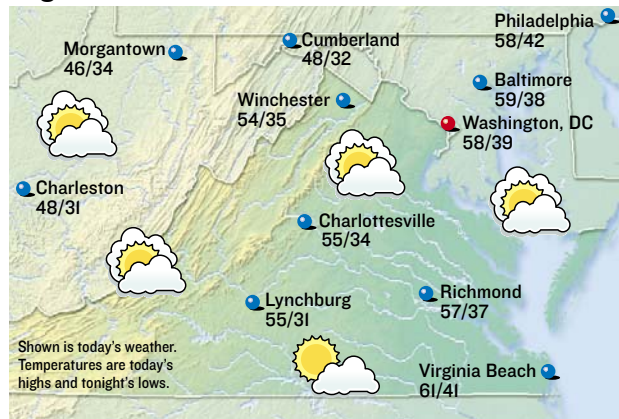


Going on television and denouncing him will only make him stronger.

### 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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### Regional Weather



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### Almanac

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Normal month to date	1.63"
Year to date	45.33"
Last year to date	39.66"
Normal year to date	34.90"

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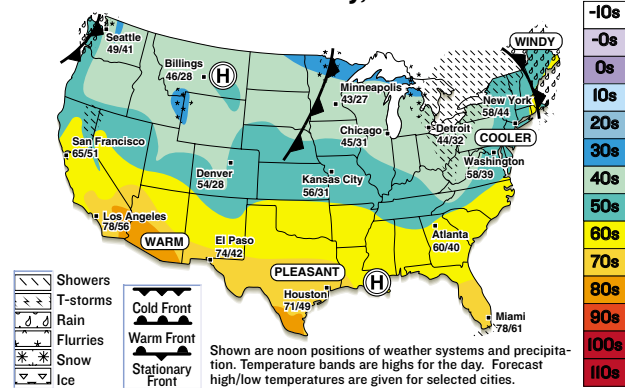
**D.C. Metro:** Today, partly sunny, breezy. High 58. Wind west 7-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 39. Wind north-northwest 4-8 mph.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:53 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:40 a.m.
Moonset today	3:00 p.m.



### National Weather for Friday, November 17



### National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	60/40/s	61/42/s
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Chicago	45/31/pc	44/30/pc
Dallas	69/44/s	65/41/s
Denver	54/28/pc	50/26/c
Honolulu	85/71/pc	84/71/pc
Los Angeles	78/56/s	80/56/pc
Miami	78/61/c	76/59/pc
New York City	58/44/pc	54/44/pc
Orlando	70/46/s	70/45/s
Seattle	49/41/pc	52/44/c

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Buenos Aires	72/55/s	75/55/pc
Calgary	42/24/s	38/29/c
Dublin	46/37/sh	46/39/sh
Geneva	57/50/sh	54/38/sh
Moscow	28/23/sf	30/23/pc
Rome	68/50/pc	66/48/pc
Sydney	66/55/s	75/59/s
Tokyo	59/46/pc	59/48/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



# LOOK out

## Uncertain Change

### ACROSS

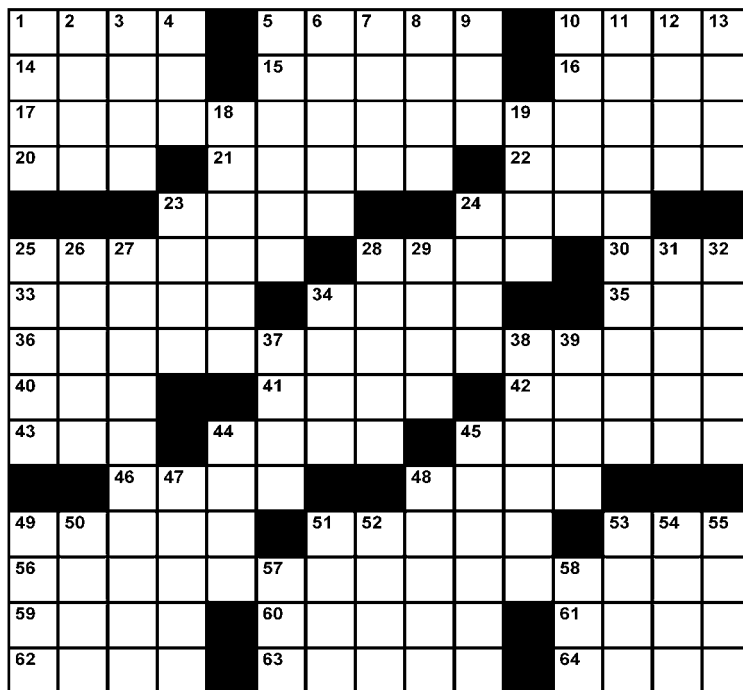
- 1 Trial balloon  
5 Kind of bar  
10 Start of North Carolina's motto  
14 Teenager's woe  
15 Illegal lending practice  
16 State indicator  
17 Start of a quip  
20 It may be blown  
21 Potatoland, USA  
22 Is sure to be heard  
23 Gulf southeast of the Sinai  
24 Scarlett's plantation  
25 Goes for broke?  
28 This company rings a bell  
30 Block letters?  
33 One of three in 1492  
34 Emit lava, for instance  
35 Convert hide into leather  
36 Middle of the quip  
40 Medical research agcy.  
41 Word with "cut" or "line"  
42 Buttocks  
43 It's measured in spots?  
44 Try to manage without help  
45 Convert food into absorbable substances  
46 Gas for the theater district  
48 Female opera star

### DOWN

- 49 Kind of fit  
51 Kind of jelly  
53 Kids' game  
56 End of the quip  
59 Garr of film  
60 Bird of prey weapon  
61 Nutritive mineral  
62 Highland tongue  
63 Delivery room surprise, sometimes  
64 Pup follower?

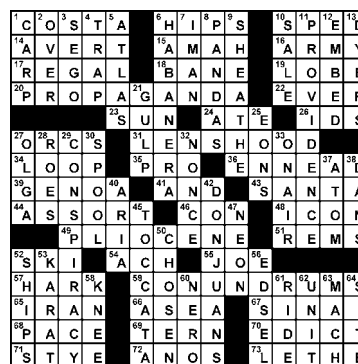
### DOWN

- 1 Savoir-faire, e.g.  
2 Reflected radio wave  
3 Cinch  
4 One of two in a score  
5 Napped materials  
6 Taiwan resident, for one  
7 With lots of vegetation  
8 With the bow, in music  
9 Batiking need  
10 Perfume ingredient, perhaps  
11 It may hang from a cave roof  
12 One way to enjoy a breezy day  
13 Fish-eating birds  
18 Opposite of "whoa!" (Var.)  
19 "Love Story" actor O'Neal  
23 Add to the pot  
24 Hall opening?  
25 Worn out  
26 Mischievous elf



- 27 Sorcerers or magicians, e.g.  
28 Plant louse  
29 Change course  
31 Window segments  
32 Mental torment  
34 Majestic swimmer  
37 At that time  
38 First commercial computer  
39 Narrative of heroic exploits  
44 You can't live without it  
45 Armless  
couches  
47 "My Three Sons" son  
48 Runyon or Wayans  
49 Insurance figure  
50 Always  
51 Use the teeth to erode  
52 Fruit with a wrinkled rind  
53 It may eventually become bald  
54 At another time  
55 London fellow  
57 GTE competitor  
58 Single or double, maybe

## Yesterday's Solution



## Su | do | ku

Degree of Difficulty: HARD

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

## Yesterday's Solution

2	6	5	3	7	1	8	9	4
4	8	1	2	6	9	3	7	5
7	9	3	5	4	8	2	1	6
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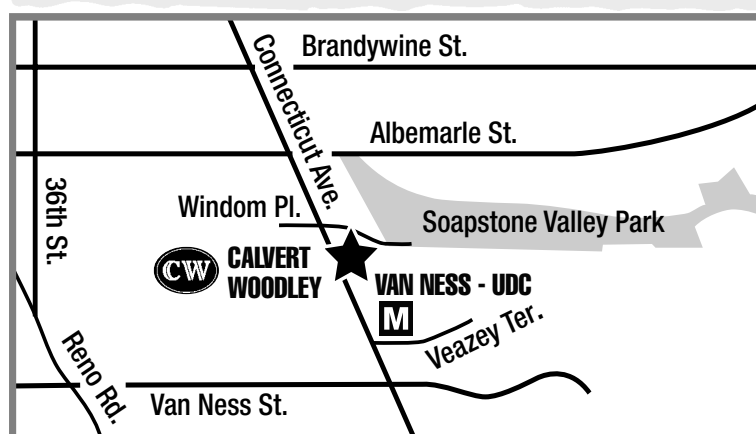


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# face<sup>QA</sup>time

■ **In mega-shouldered** frocks, Linda Evans vamped it up on "Dynasty" in the '80s. Her on-screen cat fights with co-star Joan Collins became mythical. Since then, she's done TV movies and defended the environment. Now she's onstage for the first time, opposite Collins in "Legends" at the National Theatre.

## How is being in front of an audience different from doing TV?

In the beginning, it was absolutely terrifying. I had no idea what I was getting into! Now I can see how people never get bored doing this. On stage, you're always present and in the moment.

## What's it like being reunited with Joan, playing rivals again?

I don't know why we do this so well together, but it seems simple. I play an acting legend who plays saints and nurses; Joan gets to be the bad girl. But you aren't going to see Krystal and Alexis.

## What's your home in Washington state like?

I've got a house that has alternative energy. I've got a vegetable garden and 78 fruit trees.

## Do you cook with what you grow?

Chain me to a stove, and I'd be thrilled. I have 9,000 food magazines and every cookbook ever published. I like to make Ina Garten's brownies and carrot cupcakes.

## How do you stay fit after eating those treats?

Working out helps me if I know I'll be eating a lot. I like to walk. I've



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## Linda Evans

ACTRESS, ENVIRONMENTALIST, COOK

been doing it a lot in the cities we've been in on tour.

**Didn't you write a book about women's beauty and health issues? Do you practice what you preach?**

After "Dynasty," I gave up the notion of looking good for other people.

You can have 900 plastic surgeries and the best clothes, but still be unhappy.

**What's it like seeing the fashions of the 1980s return?**

I enjoyed the '80s clothes! They were fun. When they make the shoulders

"When they make the shoulders look bigger, it's a flattering look."

look bigger, it's very flattering on the body. Of course, on "Dynasty," we went to the extreme. At one point, Joan and I couldn't even walk through a door together!

## So do you still drink Crystal Light?

I was drinking it before it was even on the market. I discovered it in Arizona on the set of a "Gambler" movie with Kenny Rogers.

## So what can you make with it besides an icy beverage?

I used to make ice cubes out of it and eat it as sorbet. It's really good.

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## dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

**I've going to Thanksgiving dinner at my new boyfriend's home in Richmond. But I'm a New York girl, and it sounds like his family is still waiting for the South to rise again. Please help.** —RACHEL

■ Manolo says, to the Manolo this it sounds like the setup for the dreadful romantic comedy. You know the sort; the boyfriend's stern-but-essentially-sweet father is known to all as "Daddy Frank," and the mother is the sassy-but-wise Southern lady enacted by



the Sally Fields. Add in the fat boy-hood friend named Bubba, the pining old flame Ashley Sue and the usual assortment of the wacky-but-lovable relatives played by the well-known character actors, and you have all of the elements of the perfect Matthew McConaughey/Jennifer Aniston flop.

Happily, the Southerners, like everyone else, are much more complex and interesting than the usual stereotypes allow. So the Manolo would tell you to relax and be yourself, although he would also tell you to moderate the edgy New York hipster all-black with something more lady-like, perhaps like this playful Mary Jane wedge from the Cordani (\$220, zappos.com), which would look good with either the pants or the skirt.



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## ON THE COVER

Express Top Model Claudine wears a **Secrets of Charm vest** (\$98) and a **French Connection blouse** (\$98) from Valise (1624 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-3622). **Photo by Michelle Repiso. Styling by Richard Bernal, T.H.E. Artist Agency.**

## Grab Bag

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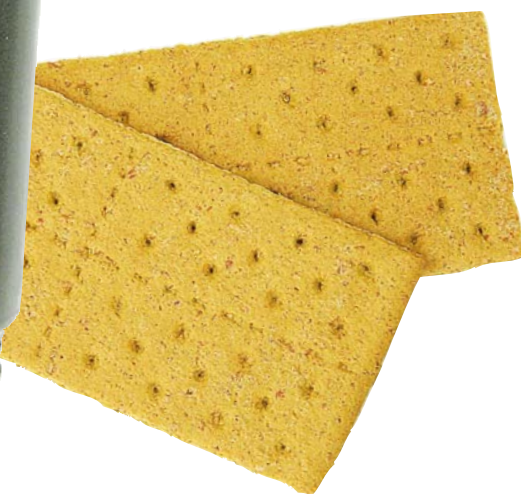
### Wearing Kabul Cool



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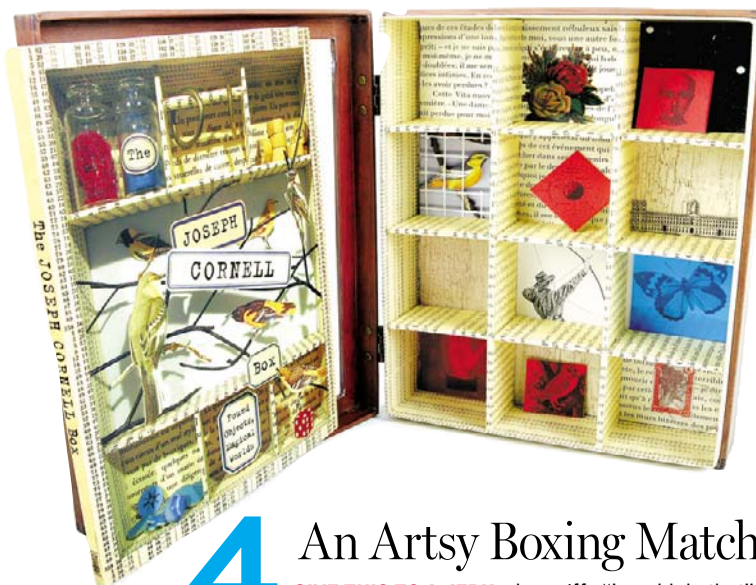
## 3 Pain-free Plumper

**WE HATE LIP PLUMBERS.** They hurt, and they don't work. Then we met Vincent Longo's Bang Bang Volume Lotion (\$30, Sephora), which really puffed up our kisser with an almost-pleasant tingle, rather than searing pain. Plus, it's matte—great if you're sick of the shine that everyone else is sporting.



## 5 Cracker With Kick

**SO MANY "GINGERBREAD"** houses are made by tired parents who cheat and just use graham crackers as their construction materials. Here, another unethical shortcut: gingerbread graham crackers. Honey Maid's limited-edition snack (\$3.50) tastes like a regular old cracker on first taste—then the ginger kicks in. This graham bites back.



## 4

### An Artsy Boxing Match

**GIVE THIS TO A JERK** who sniffs "I could do that" at outsider artwork. The "Joseph Cornell Box" (\$16.50, [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)), timed to coincide with the retrospective at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, demonstrates how hard it is to make a meaningful box of weird stuff—Cornell's specialty. This kit gets you started with a book, a sample box and bits of stuff to arrange.



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# Simply the Vest

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The latest garment to be granted comeback status? The vest. After decades spent shoved to the back of our collective fashion memory, these closet staples are no longer mere Reagan-era style regrets. True, vests are fairly nonessential items whose only practical purpose is to hold pocket watches. But they also can instantly transform bland separates into a sucked-in, tucked-in, pulled-together look. And that never goes out of style. COLLEEN EGAN

(1) A woolly white sweater vest goes mod via Ben Sherman's belted baby, which would look so Edie Sedgwick over a black turtleneck and mini. (\$101, All About Jane, 2839 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, 703-243-4424) (2) Secrets of Charm's corduroy halter (\$98, Valise, 1624 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-3622) is prim in front, plunging in back. Pair it with Collective Clothing's boho blouse. (\$58, Lettie Gooch, 1911 9th St. NW; 202-332-4242) (3) If you filed denim vests in your "trends I shall never again embrace" bin, give this tailored version by Earnest Sewn a chance. (\$180, Redeem, 1734 14th St. NW; 202-332-7447). Soften it up with Beth Bowley's cashmere sweater (\$207,

Lettie Gooch) (4) Enhance your, ahem, assets with a fitted hook-and-eye canvas number by Rubber Doll. (\$32.50, alloy.com) (5) Trina Turk's shimmery tuxedo vest and shirt expose a lot of sexy back. Balance the flesh with wide-legged tuxedo pants to avoid a fashion tra-vest-y. (\$246, \$158, All About Jane) Or try J.Crew's white-tie version. (\$98, jcrew.com) (6) A velvet vest works with office-friendly collared shirts or casual graphic tees. (\$78, jcrew.com) (7) Vibrant color combinations and detailed stitchwork make this Cesar Arellanes number look like it should be part of a Himalayan textile exhibit. (\$175, Pink November, 1529 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-1121)



# Go Stuff Your Face

Thanksgiving side dishes aren't just for chowing down

**Who says it's hard** to wear orange? Pumpkins and yams feel surprisingly good slathered on your face, we found. Also from the Thanksgiving spa smorgasbord: skin-softening corn oil and a tangy cranberry manicure. Sadly, mashed-potato massages aren't on the menu.

## Yam It Up

Even if your relationship with yams is limited to skimming marshmallows off the top, the **YAM AND PUMPKIN PRO ENZYME PEEL** (\$120, 60 minutes) might make them your new favorite tuber. The light-orange, pie-scented peel uses yam-pulp puree to infuse the skin with vitamins, while the pumpkin acts as an antioxidant. The facial will likely include two additional masks, such as sour cherry for dehydrated skin or an Algomask, which pulls off in one big, rubbery piece. Afterward: vanilla-pumpkin spiced tea. The peel's not for the sensitive-skinned, who can instead opt for a yam-pumpkin body treatment or mani/pedi.

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based yellow; and woods-scented blue. Then you're smeared with corn-based body cream, just like a cob slathered with buttah. (An optional body wrap kicks the price up to \$135.)

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## Sweet, Saucy Hands

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STEPHANIE JONES

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## what we bought



- (1) **Chinese flower-print fabric purse**, which adds exotic appeal to basic black. (\$40, Luciane Gallery, Artisan's Alley, San Antonio, Texas; 210-829-8824)  
 (2) **Awesome T-shirt** reads "This rules." "No kidding. I hate voting." (\$16, [marriedtothesea.com](http://marriedtothesea.com))  
 (3) **Cheerful-yet-Goth leather eagle necklace**, bought to impress the wearer's birder husband, elevates sweaters and tees and matches almost everything. (\$45, [starsandinfinitydarkness.com](http://starsandinfinitydarkness.com))

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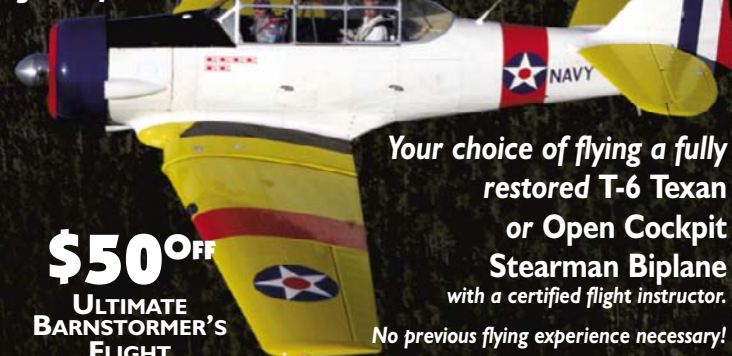
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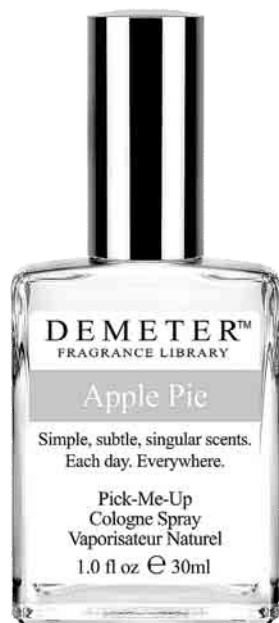




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↑ **SOME GO FOR PUMPKIN**, but there's nothing like good ol' American Apple Pie. Now you can wear your slice, instead of cramming it into your bulging tummy. (\$19, demeterfragrance.com)

# All the, **FIXINS**

Looking pretty on Thanksgiving should not be the focus. That would detract from the quest to sneak at least half the olives into your mouth before the plate hits the table. The only makeup choices that matter? A lip gloss that complements the taste of gravy and eyeliner that withstands the traditional Football Nap. With cosmetics inspired by turkey-day treats, you can turn a day spent gorging into a day spent gorgeous.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



← **RARELY DO WE WISH TO** lick facial products. Jaqua's Pumpkin Papaya Puree Enzyme Face Masque is an exception. The exfoliating mask is a ringer for pumpkin pie. (\$16, amazon.com)

→ **NOTHING SAYS "FAMILY MEAL"** like Tarte's Gift Trip lip gloss set. The six gold-tinted shades come in a mirrored compact. By the way, call your mom! Do you really need that pie? And why don't you have kids yet, slacker? (\$28, Sephora)



## celebrity **wisdom**



### Always Trust a Man in a Cape

■ **ANDRE LEON TALLEY**, who spoke at the Corcoran last week, had more than opinions on fashion's "super bad season" to share with his standing-room-only audience. Vogue's editor at large is, after all, practically a local boy—during college, he worked summers as a park ranger at the Lincoln Memorial. Shocked? Here are a few other things we learned from the man in the big velvet capes.

He recently won Truman Capote's couch at an auction.

1. His Pilgrim-inspired, rhinestone-buckled shoes were custom-made by a designer friend in Paris.
2. He doesn't watch "Project Runway." "I don't have time for much TV."
3. He does make time for fave show, "Hardball with Chris Matthews."
4. San Francisco is one of the most chic cities in the country.
5. He's a fan of the "Marie Antoinette"-inspired styles for spring, and he's seen the movie four times.
6. He has not, however, seen "The Devil Wears Prada."
7. Target is one of his best-loved destinations. "Of course," he said. "Tarshay, darling. Of course."
8. He doesn't offer much in the way of style advice for men. "Just get a good pair of sunglasses."
9. His favorite thing to shop for? Furniture. He recently won Truman Capote's couch at an auction.

CORY OHLENDORF



## bash in a flash



## Everybody Likes Parfait

■ Tell your French friends that you're throwing a parfait party, and they'll think you're an insufferable perfectionist. (They may think that already.) Parfait is French for "perfect," and the creamy dessert is the parfait excuse to eat more after Thanksgiving, because Nov. 25 is National Parfait Day.

"Parfait is kind of a loose term," said Lizzy Evelyn, pastry chef at Café Saint Ex and Bar Pilar. "The more traditional European parfait is like an ice cream," while the U.S. version is "closer to a trifle, with layers in a glass dish." Evelyn serves a traditional European honey parfait, but you can draw inspiration from the signature of American parfaits: layers.

First, demand that guests dress in layers. Serve layered food by creating a leftover casserole from turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Finally, serve an actual parfait. Layering pumpkin-pie filling and whipped cream is quick, easy and seasonally appropriate. If you're feeling European, beat egg yolks, then mix with a hot, flavored liquid (Evelyn recommends bourbon) before folding in cream and freezing it. Voila! Parfait!

JAMIE PAGE DEATON



→ Want to spend next week in a burn unit? Then learn what you're doing before deep-frying a turkey. (Sat., noon-3 p.m., 3018 Arizona Ave. NW; \$65 for class and lunch; reserve at [tastedc.com](http://tastedc.com))

**PREDICT WHICH CELEBS** will most often grace the major glossy tabloids and win fame and fortune — among your friends, anyway. Jessica Simpson and Britney Spears are good picks.



# Non-Football Fantasy

## Draft Britney, John McCain or Ron Artest onto your team

**Behind nearly every cubicle** wall lurks a wannabe NFL owner who surreptitiously makes trades, tracks stats and benches players during his 9-to-5. Want to get in on the virtual action without having to learn the Xs and Os? We checked out sites that offer a different take on fantasy gaming.

### Tabloid Fantasy

If you can easily tell the Olsen twins apart, Tabloid Fantasy League ([tabfl.com](http://tabfl.com)) is the game for you. Points are awarded when your chosen stars appear in Us Weekly, People, Star or In Touch. It's free for now, but soon players will have the option to donate a small entry fee to charity.

**HOW TO WIN:** "We try to reward vigilant gossip-watching," said Breht Burri, the Web developer who launched the site in May with three friends. Look for long-running sto-

rylines: Britney's divorce — with all its attendant custody battles — is destined for more coverage than Mel Gibson's arrest, which faded fast after he apologized.

**PITFALLS:** Players are docked points when their starlets get busted by the Fashion Police. And while the site offers a slew of stats, "past performance is not an indicator of future fame," Burri warned.

**GOOD PICKUPS:** Jessica (Ms. Simpson is the site's top-rated celeb), Angelina, Lindsay, Brad and any other first-name-only VIPs.

### Fantasy Congress

Hill workers may have an unfair advantage in Fantasy Congress ([fantasycongress.com](http://fantasycongress.com)), launched last month. Players (dubbed "citizens") draft four senators and 12 representatives, who earn points as they introduce legislation and lead it through committee and into law. A little rusty on your civics? A flow-chart gives a quick primer on how a bill becomes law. "We want to be the 'Schoolhouse Rock' for the 21st century," said Andrew Lee, one of four Claremont McKenna students behind the site. A self-described "dorky kid" who worked in D.C.

for the past two summers, Lee dreamed up the game after watching his freshman-year roommate agonize over fantasy football. "If people cared about government as much as they care about sports, we'd have a much better government," he said.

**HOW TO WIN:** "You need to pick a senator who will continually perform for you so you can stay at the market level," said Lee. But a supporting cast of junior senators, mid-level representatives and congressional rookies make up the majority of a team's points.

**PITFALLS:** Concurrent or simple resolutions (i.e. legislation that doesn't require the approval of both houses and the president) are only worth 1/5 as many points as a bill.

**GOOD PICKUPS:** Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Tex.), Ken Salazar (D-Colo.), John McCain (R-Ariz.) and James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) are all good picks, said Lee. Also try sleepers Bobby Jindal (R-La.) and Rob Andrews (D-N.J.).

### Fantasy Criminal

Sports leagues may have cornered the fantasy market, but James Lanter's Fantasy Criminal League

([fantasycriminal.com](http://fantasycriminal.com)) offers a game where off-the-court exploits are more valuable than stats. Players (or "wardens") draft one college conference, two legends (a retired coach or player), two major league football, baseball, basketball and hockey teams, and one individual player (like from tennis or golf). During the yearlong season, wardens bust their players by submitting legitimate news stories detailing the offense. Right now, only 15 people play in a league on Lanter's site, but if there's enough interest, he'll expand.

**HOW TO WIN:** Winners do lots of "Citizen's Arrests" — busting athletes no warden has on their team.

**PITFALLS:** Having to bust your own players can be a major time-suck. Even though he lives in Cary, N.C., Lanter once drafted the Mid-American Conference and had to troll the Web for news stories from small towns in Indiana.

**GOOD PICKUPS:** "The biggest thing is getting one of the big college conferences. The SEC has been perennial," said Lanter. "Once you get out of the college realm, usually the bigger cities do well. Or Ron Artest — wherever he goes." JULIA BEIZER



# The Grape Presser

Wine diva aims to make reds, whites et al less mysterious

At a recent happy hour in the lobby of downtown's Palomar Hotel, wine guru Leslie Sbrocco held court, pouring samples of a dry Spanish chardonnay and cheerfully touting a jammy, smooth Hanna Merlot. Such spunky, informed-yet-easy vino-pushing also courses through her new book, "The Simple & Savvy Wine Guide" (\$15, William Morrow). She recently chatted with Express' Jennifer Barger about great grapes and wine buying.

## What do people find hardest about buying wine?

At any given time, there are 700 chardonnays on a given store's shelf. I think people are overwhelmed.

## So how do they move beyond confusion to host a wine tasting?

Pick a theme, maybe Italian wines or chardonnays from around the world, and get sipping. I love a U.N. party, where you have different international foods that go well with different wines, say burritos with riesling.

## Where should we buy wine?

A neighborhood wine store, because you can get to know the salespeople.



**A VINE TIME:** Leslie Sbrocco aims to make wine easier to glug with a new book.

But Costco and supermarkets can also be good.

## Does price matter when buying wine?

In wine competitions, lower-priced wines do really well. In the book, I list bottles that I call "twice-the-price wines," things that taste better than their cost, like a \$10 Jewel Viognier. Two-Buck Chuck is interesting, but it didn't bring new wine drinkers to the fold.

## What should I drink with pizza?

Do you really want a \$50 bottle? A crisp Sauvignon Blanc in the \$10 to \$20 range could go with a pie topped with feta and spinach.

## What's a tough food-vino pairing?

Salty foods can be really hard. They can make the alcohol seem higher and put the tannins out of whack.

## Any wild combos to recommend?

Twinkies with dessert wine like muscat. You need a wine at least as sweet as what you're eating.

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## Time to Snack, Not to Hack

Nothing can ruin a day quite like a computer crashing when you haven't saved your work. But Blue Screens of Death are less likely when PCs aren't riddled with spyware and viruses. It is wise, then, to



observe Computer Security Day (Nov. 30), which began here in D.C. in 1988.

This year's CSD theme is "working together," which sounds like a party to us. Decorations are even free: Request posters at computersecurityday.org. The site also lists 53 ways to celebrate, like

helping computer novices backup their drives, collecting CSD memorabilia to trade with others and declaring amnesty for computer security violators who wish to reform. Wow guests by demonstrating your exquisitely configured firewall. And "get started on next year's poster contest," said Lee Ohringer, executive director and co-founder of the Association for Computer Security Day. "The winner gets to have their poster used internationally."

Ohringer knows of 58 countries that participate, not including the astronauts in orbit who wrote him a letter telling him they took special precautions with their computers on Nov. 30. EMILY BRANDON

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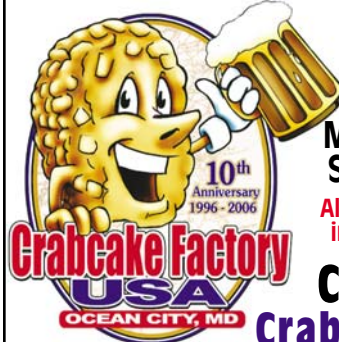
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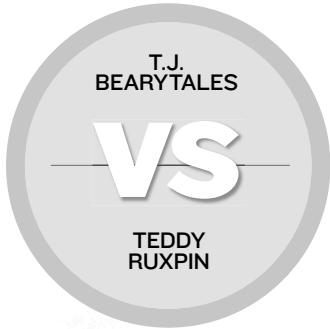
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# Toy Wars!

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## Bears With Books Brawl

■ The retro wave has swept back '80s fave **TEDDY RUXPIN** (bottom, Backpack Toys, \$70, ages 2 and up), only this time he tells stories from digital cartridges instead of audio cassettes. But he's not the only bear with a tale to tell. He has competition from **T.J. BEARYTALES** (Hasbro, \$40, ages 3 and up), a curly haired newcomer who not only reads to children from his books (via a similar cartridge system), but also prompts game time by asking tykes to hop on one foot or guess what he's describing. Both of their mouths convincingly — creepily? — match up with the words in the stories, but the literature is sadly lacking. T.J. comes with the story of a cool birthday present, and Teddy's tale of "The Airship" is the convoluted start to a series about his hunt for a treasure.

Headless dolls, beat-up cars and incomplete board games are all that remain in the toy chest from 2005's holiday haul. To withstand the destructive love of a child, the best gizmos must be able to play rough. So we decided to pair up similar offerings from this year's crop of youngster delights to see which ones are the real winners. A note to the wee ones out there: No toys were hurt in the making of this story. **VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)**

### THE WISH LIST ►► PLAYGROUND PLEASERS

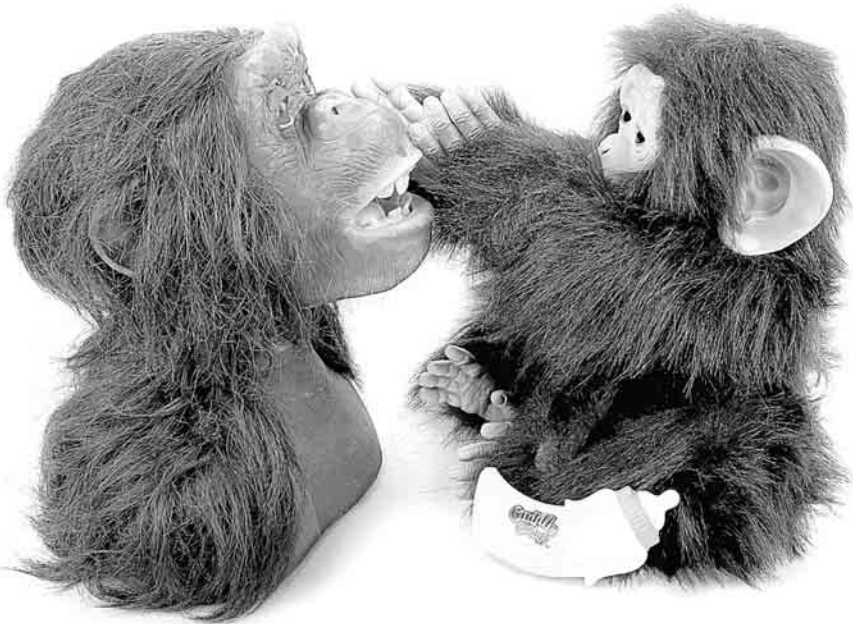
## One-Trick Ponies

■ Popularity, or lack thereof, can define a childhood. But it's not all based on looks, personality and athletic ability — having the right toys can provide social status, as well. For the daycare crew, that means **T.M.X. ELMO** (\$40). In an attempt to re-create the holiday frenzy of 1996, Fisher-Price has updated Tickle Me Elmo for his 10-year anniversary. Now the laughing Muppet gets truly hysterical, rolling around, smacking his thighs and generally acting like he's under the influence of illegal substances. Of course, the cool kids would like that. Indulgent parents will also have to shell out for **BUTTERSCOTCH** (\$300). After generations of having to break the news to pig-tailed little girls that, no, they can't have a pony, in trots a 3-foot tall, house-trained mini-horse that whinnies, snorts and happily allows tykes on its back. The drawback? Although he blinks his eyes and makes other small movements, he can't take your spoiled one for a ride anywhere. **V.H.**



## Not Monkeying Around Match

■ **ALIVE CHIMPANZEE** (left, Wowwee, \$130, ages 8 and up) hit shelves last year, but we couldn't pass up the opportunity to pit the lifelike head (it can exhibit emotions and track movement with "radar" vision!) against a **FUR REAL FRIENDS CUDDLE CHIMP** (Hasbro, \$30, ages 4 and up). The latter is decidedly lower-tech, but so much more adorable. When we posed them, we were shocked to find that they interacted, unbidden and hilariously. The Cuddle Chimp babbles and claps his hands joyously while the Alive Chimpanzee grunts and hoots, though whether in annoyance or affection we couldn't tell. Conventional wisdom on these animatronic primates is that adults will want the head and kiddies will be content with the cuddler, but they get along so well together, it makes sense to buy both regardless of the recipient.

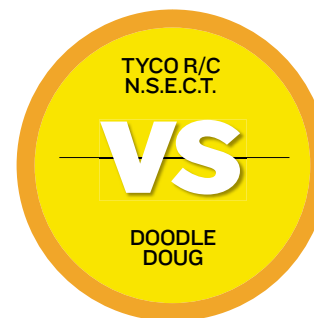






## Battle of the Bugs

**N.S.E.C.T.** (Mattel, \$100, ages 8 and up), a remote-controlled “robotic attack creature,” and artsy **DOODLE DOUG** (Ohio Art, \$15, ages 3 and up), an update on the spirograph, share wide eyes and a myriad of limbs—and that’s it. With N.S.E.C.T., kids can freak out li'l sibs by clomping its legs toward them, menacingly squeezing its pincers, raising its wings and shooting out suction cup-topped projectiles. If you don't feel like paying for their therapy bills, opt for Doug. He'll impress the rug rats by spinning around and creating geometric patterns without any lasting side effects.



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## 'I Love My Mad Cow, Mommy'

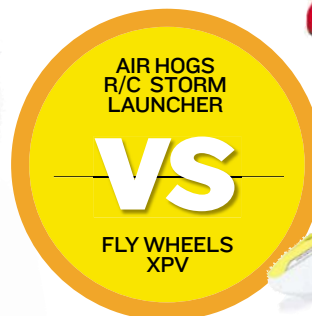
■ Are these adorable yet disturbing stuffed critters edgy stocking stuffers, gifts for children you dislike or playgroup conversation-starters? You decide.

The **GIANT MICROBES** brand grew like E. coli in spinach this year, adding syphilis (the pink squiggle, above), mad cow disease (also above), tuberculosis and several other denizens of the invisible world.



## Clash of the Ice Queens

Costume jewelry alone won't cut it for the **BRATZ** Yazmin doll (left, MGA Entertainment, \$25, ages 6 and up) or **BARBIE'S BUD** Nolee (Mattel, \$18, ages 6 and up). Both of the rival lines have added an actual, albeit tiny, jewel for little girls to wear while toting around their scantily clad plastic waifs. Bratz come with a diamond pendant, while the Blingers get a ring with a diamond, amethyst, garnet or topaz. Nolee and pals (including a glittery Barbie) tote more accessories, like a phone, makeup and sunglasses. But Yazmin's crew sport clothes that cover more than 20 percent of their bodies.



## Dual R/Cs Duke It Out

Simply rolling on the ground? Lame. The **XPV** (top, Jakks Pacific, \$50, ages 8 and up) can whiz along both land and air. The **STORM LAUNCHER** (Spin Master, \$70, ages 10 and up) bests that by conquering water, too. To masters of remote-controlled vehicles, these speedy, stunt-ready babies are an awesome way to leave their sandbox pals in the dust. But novices will struggle figuring out the aerodynamics of it all. And although both toys seem flimsy—just slipping in the batteries, you'll freak about splitting them in two—a few smacks into the wall proved that they can take a beating.

In the Bag of Plagues: a “very sad head” for the deaths of the firstborns.

They do for diseases what “Charlotte's Web” did for huge, freaky spiders. (\$6-\$7, [giantmicrobes.com](http://giantmicrobes.com))

Normally you'd use a **BAG OF PLAGUES** to traumatize a child at Passover. But the winter holidays are just as lovely a time to ponder Egypt's 10 calamities. Among them: a “white satin lump of hail,” a “black cube of darkness” and a “very sad head” representing the deaths of the firstborns. (\$16, [judaism.com](http://judaism.com))

If you thought Charmin was hard to resist squeezing, meet **HAPPY TOILET PAPER** (\$20, [pixelgirlshop.com](http://pixelgirlshop.com)), complete with huge eyes and a weensy smile. Pair him with **KISS AND BAJJS**—that's Swedish for Pee and Poo, respectively—who've been typecast as potty-training tools and/or adult prank gifts. (\$40 for both, [scandinaviandetails.com](http://scandinaviandetails.com))

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## A Gift of Green

■ Is it possible to buy presents that don't hurt Earth, yet won't damage the recipient's sense of style or self-worth? (No, Mom, I did not look cool in recycled socks, and other kids mocked my smelly hemp poncho.) Yep, because eco stuff has gone downright sleek.

Check out **FUTURE GREEN** (1459 Church St. NW; 202-234-7110) for organic cotton sheets and fair-trade crafts. The **NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM** (401 F St. NW) fills its shop with enviro-friendly gear and hosts the Green Home Renovation Expo Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Web's a well of renewable-resource cadeaux. **VIVATERRA.COM** deals in rugs made of recycled flip-flops and driftwood sculptures. **PANGAYA.COM** traffics in sustainable cashmere and bamboo garments (don't miss Ecoists' purses woven of Luna Bar wrappers). Still don't know what to get Al Gore? **FRESHUNLIMITED.COM** sells organic gift baskets, such as a martini kit with olives and recycled highball glasses. J.B.

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↑ **LATTER-DAY LUMBERJACKS** might like this mod stool made of recycled tree limbs. Solo, it's a nifty perch; two make a PC-yet-cool coffee table. (\$369, vivaterra.com)



↑ **IMPRINTED VELVET** painted with mermaid-y blues and greens forms Robin de Vick's boho-luxe pillows. (\$175 each, Art with Flowers, Tysons Galleria, McLean; 703-903-6837)



↑ **HIP APRONS** rock with the little black dress she wears when hosting soirées. Two Girls in Avignon decks muslin with sweetly subversive symbols (skulls, Goth crosses). (\$58, Prezies, 6832 Old Dominion Dr., McLean; 703-442-4575)



↑ **BLAST FUSSY** bird clocks away with Tobias Resichle's new, noirish cuckoo timekeeper in wood and metal. (\$375, momastore.org)

# Home for the Holidays

The best present is often something that feathers the nest. After all, a plush pillow, Matisse-esque tray or eco-chic stool won't make anyone look fat (e.g. Aunt Edna's hand-knit sweater) or get fat (like fudge). And dolling up Dad's den or a pal's pad might make you visit more often, a gift in itself. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



← **AN APPLE "AYE,"** Roost's metal bowl, made of mod "squareangles," looks like contempo chain mail. (Tabletop, 1608 20th St; NW, 202-387-7117)

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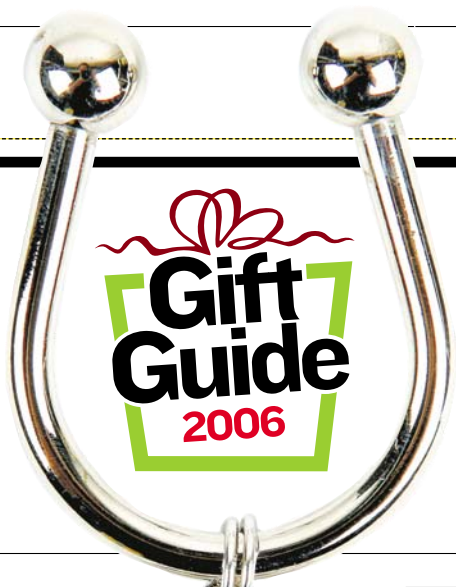
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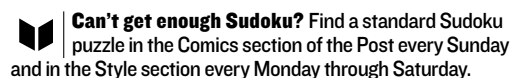


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The rules of Samurai Sudoku are the same as in the popular Sudoku puzzles that appear in Express and The Washington Post.

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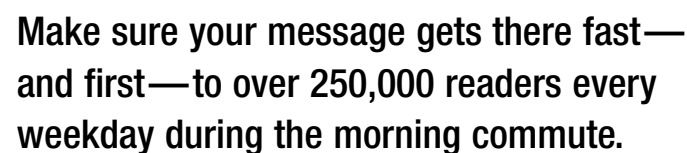
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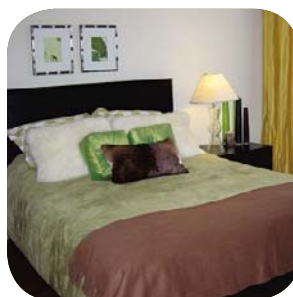
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# Scoring the Best Nest

## Real estate pro gives inside tips on buying condos, town houses

You're about to put a down payment on a new place to live. But what's the right choice? Condo? Town house? Single-family home? Vintage Airstream? Houseboat? Choose your new property wisely, and you'll be living in your dream home. Buy a real estate lemon, and you could wind up making lemonade in a place you hate.

Real estate expert Robert Irwin ([robertirwin.com](http://robertirwin.com)) has been advising wannabe property owners for 35 years as an agent and as the author of the popular "Tips and Traps" book series. The latest installment, the second edition of "Tips and Traps



**MOD CONS:** Tricked-out kitchens — think stainless-steel appliances and granite countertops — make new condos appealing.

When Buying a Condo, Co-Op or Townhouse" (McGraw-Hill, \$17), goes on sale Dec. 1.

In the book, Irwin suggests sharing ownership of property is a bit like marrying into a family: A lot of other baggage comes with your choice to live in that haute Logan Circle loft condo or

**Renting is more difficult with a condo than a house for a lot of reasons. Conflicts can occur.**

that stylish town house enclave in Bethesda.

Here, Lynn Thorne checks in with Irwin, getting his opinions on the joys and pitfalls of the shared-ownership world.

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### Is a condo a safe investment at this point?

A lot of people prefer it as an investment because of the amenities, the most important being the maintenance-free aspect. That's particularly good for those who are busy professionals or retirees who like to travel.

The newer models tend to be larger. They used to be 1,400 to 1,500 square feet. But a lot of new condominiums are 2,000 square feet or more. [They offer] upgrades like granite countertops and hardwood floors, and other features like tennis and golf [facilities], pools, spas — all of which are maintained by someone else. All of that is terrific from a resale point of view.

### With the market changes, some people may be considering renting their property out instead of selling it. Any advice for them?

Renting is more difficult with a condo than a house for a lot of reasons. There are restrictions about "For Rent" signs. Conflicts can occur when you have a ten-

## The town house is the better buy [when it comes to] price appreciation and resale.

ant, because they're required to maintain the unit and go along with the rules and regulations of the association. If you tell your tenant to be quiet after 10 p.m. and they don't, the HOA [home owner's association] comes after you as the owner, not the tenant. It's just more difficult to handle a rental in a condo.

### You've lived in several shared-ownership buildings and served on their boards and such. From your personal experience, what's the most common trap?

The biggest problems I've seen are conflicts between the HOA and members — and it's usually because of different expectations. A member may want to do something, and there may be a rule against it. Or the HOA may pass



**HAVE TOWN HOUSE, WILL PROFIT:** Robert Irwin claims that town houses are often easier to resell than condominiums. He also says they can climb in value more quickly.

### ROBERT IRWIN'S ADVICE BEFORE BUYING

In "Tips and Traps," Irwin tells readers to watch for "7 Red Flags":

- Ask what the tenant-to-owner ratio is. More tenants makes it harder to get financing and tougher to resell. Seek a ratio of 10 percent renters or less.
- Are there lawsuits pending? If the home owners association (HOA) loses a case, homeowners might have to pay damages.
- How much insurance does the board carry? It should be at least \$3 million to cover disasters. Ask your insurance agent for advice.
- Find out whether the property's financial reserves are adequate. If the swimming pool needs replacing and their aren't enough funds, that means a hike in your homeowner's dues.
- Have there been any big hikes in HOA assessments? Sudden spikes may have been needed to cover inadequate reserves or poor management.
- Find out whether you are responsible for any areas outside your unit. Some developments require you to maintain your roof or landscaping.
- Are there rules you can't live with? Read your HOA docs before closing.

a rule [that prohibits an owner from doing something] and they go head-to-head. It gets pretty contentious and heated. It can be anything — a parking place or the color of the paint. I've seen a huge argument over a port-a-potty on a golf course. These things tend to be trivial in nature, but because

of the personalities involved, they take on a huge stakes.

**It's sometimes difficult to get people to run for the board of directors of their development. Having served on several over the years, what would you say are the reasons to get involved?**

It's self-defense. When you buy into a HOA, you never dream of getting on the board. [Everyone] figures someone else will do it. But once you've joined, you find things happening that you can't stand. You see something you want changed, and you know that only happens if you get on the board. It's part of the shared-ownership lifestyle.

**You say one trap is to beware of the development that is situated in an "apartment city," where the whole area is nothing but shared-unit developments and apartment buildings. You've just described Washington, D.C. How would you advise people who want to work, play and live in the same location?** The warning is a matter of property values. When you have a lot of apartments, you increase the density. A condo building is dense anyway, [but when you] put that in with single-family homes, it balances it out. When you [have



Irwin says to research neighborhoods and housing values before buying.

too many condos in one area], the density is magnified [and that] adversely affects the property values.

In an urban setting like D.C., that wouldn't make as much difference, because there's such a great housing need to begin with.

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**You mention in your book that, for the best real estate value, you should have a couple of blocks between you and any commercial developments or shopping centers. Do you disagree with the concept of planned developments?**

If we're taking about a gas station or strip mall, that's true, but some of the best recent developments are these mixed-use developments with housing, shopping, restaurants and offices. They are desirable. They've soared in value.

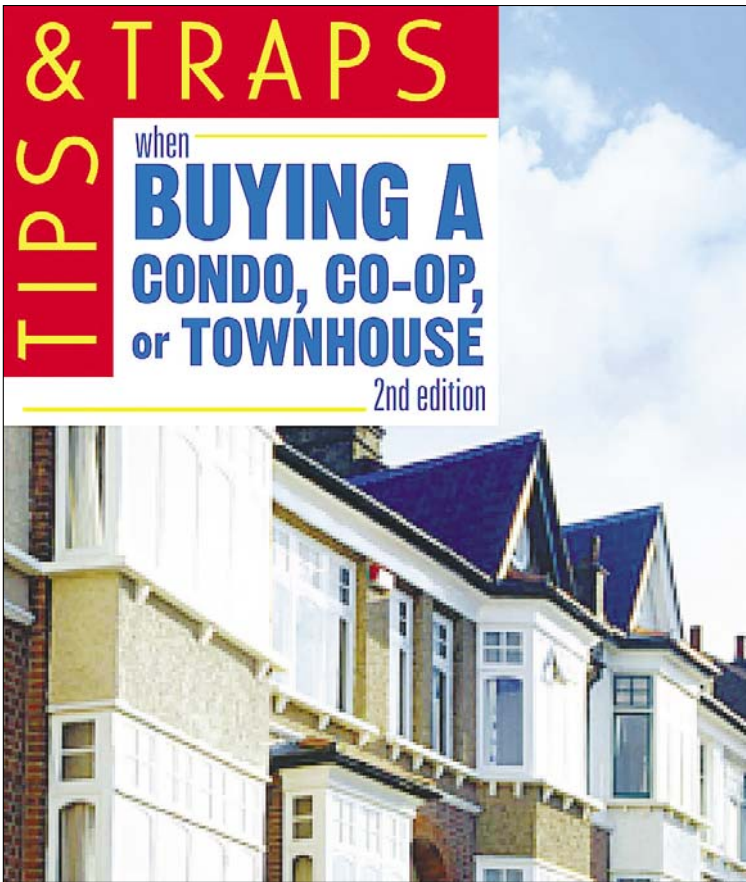
The density argument has to do with how many people live there. Density problems lead to things like a lot of noise at night — that has to do with too many people living in one area and not coming and going. [Planned developments] don't have that problem, because people are leaving when offices or restaurants close.

**What are the advantages of buying a town house instead of a condo?**  
There's an architectural difference,



Real estate authority Robert Irwin, above, gives advice on buying condos and town houses in his latest book.

not a legal one. With a townhouse, you own the land and there's no one underneath or above you. You may have a loft. You have lower density. There's often a yard. They tend to [offer] a nicer kind of lifestyle. Generally speaking, if you have a choice, the town house is the better buy [when it comes to] price appre-



ciation and resale potential.

**What do you hope people get from the book?**

An understanding of what's involved in shared ownership. Many are under the illusion that condos or town houses are a cheaper form of buying a house. In a square-foot comparison, they

**Mixed-use developments with housing, shopping and offices have soared in value.**

may actually be more expensive. But shared ownership gives you responsibilities. I want people to understand that what you're getting is a different lifestyle.



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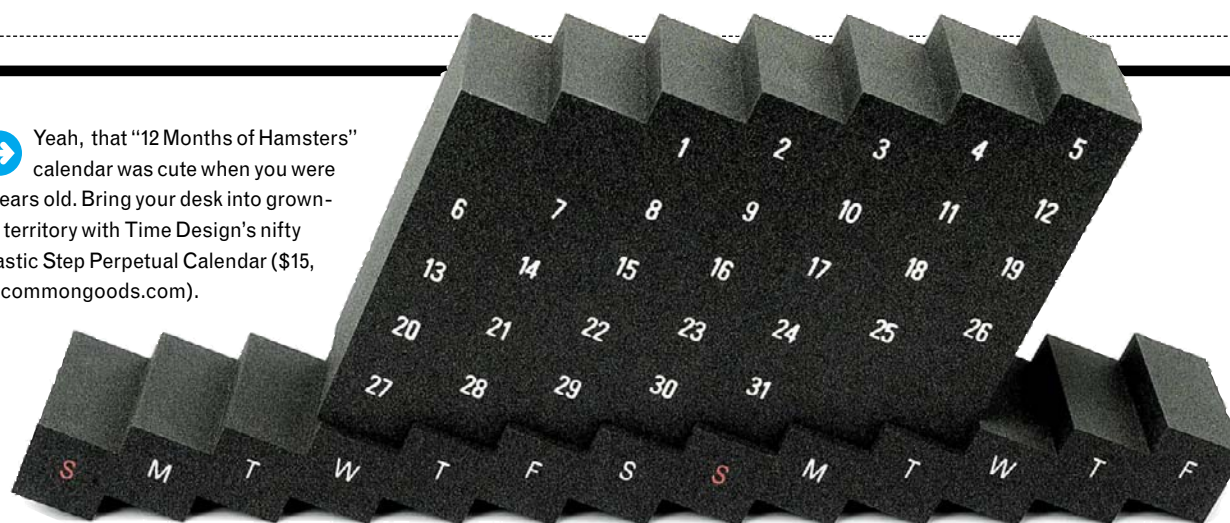


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→ Yeah, that "12 Months of Hamsters" calendar was cute when you were 9 years old. Bring your desk into grown-up territory with Time Design's nifty plastic Step Perpetual Calendar (\$15, [uncommongoods.com](http://uncommongoods.com)).



# Office Grace

✱ **Techie innovations — Wi-Fi, laptops** — mean your workspace is now just as likely to be a condo deck or local bookstore as a nook with a faux wood desk. But lounging in bed with a MacBook limits productivity, and there's always a risk of napping. So it's great to devote a space — and some design thought — to the office chez you. "People now decorate offices as they would a bedroom or kitchen," said Ali Records of Velocity Art and Design, a mod furnishings Web shop. "And there are fantastic new products with true functionality and design."

Alexandria-based interior designer Catherine Hailey ([catherinehaileydesign.com](http://catherinehaileydesign.com)) recommends buying "a versatile piece of furniture that can blend into a space," like a secretary or a table-like desk that can be used for everything from cranking out, er, typing annual reports to gluing together Christmas ornaments. "You can put baskets under it or use hanging ones to store things," she said.

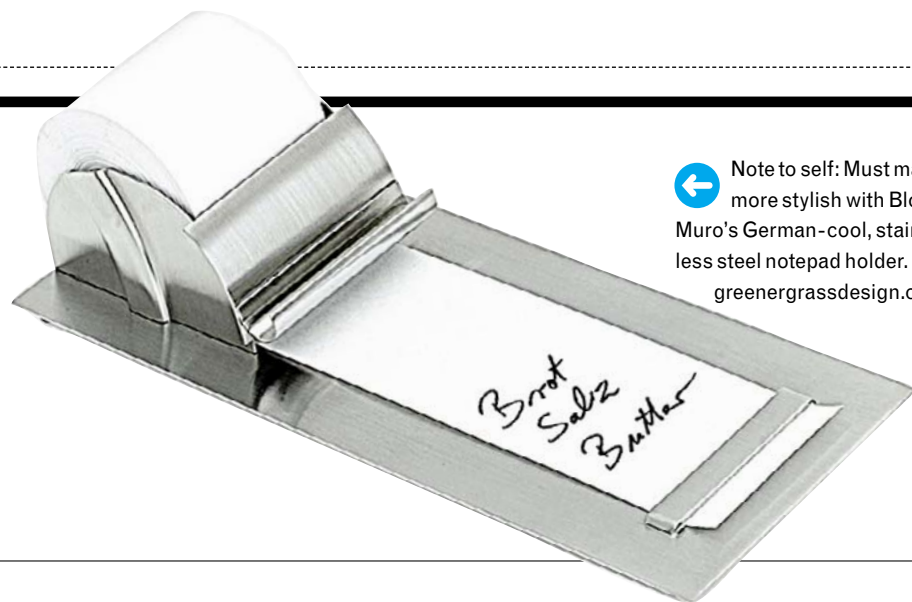
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Bothersome tasks (programming, doing spreadsheets) can become more pleasant done in a zone full of good-looking furnishings — a romantic writing desk, bookcases fit for a hip spaceship, the girly-glam accessories of Russell + Hazel, carried by Velocity. "If anyone works a lot, why shouldn't they splurge on something to make the time less strenuous and more stylish?" said Records. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



← Corral the snake-like power sources of computers, printers, scanners and other desktop plug-ins with Room & Board's Horizontal Cord Manager (\$29, [roomandboard.com](http://roomandboard.com)). Basically a black plastic trough for cords, it sticks to the back of a desk or table to prevent pesky tangles and make your workspace look modern and organized. Now if only it could zap all that spyware!





← Note to self: Must make office more stylish with Blomus Muro's German-cool, stainless steel notepad holder. (\$20, greenergrassdesign.com)



← Catherine Hailey, an Alexandria interior designer, recommends multipurpose home offices with lots of storage and smooth, flat work surfaces. In this design, she married stainless steel and minimalist white cabinetry.

→ Can filing be fun? Maybe, if you use Boon's punch-hued, flower-design folders made of abaca paper. (\$20 for a set of seven; seejanework.com) Matching accordion files (\$24 each) add to the organizing orgy.



← If you must take meetings in bed, use Offi's Lap Dog Tray of molded plywood. (\$99, velocityartand design.com)



← Goth glam meets industrial chic on Alexander Taylor's Fold Lamp, a desk-illuminating concoction of black, powder-coated aluminum with a spunky, red fabric-covered power cord. (\$340, momastore.org)

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## CONDO Living



Norman Smith and Gail Montplaisir's apartment boasts floor-to-ceiling windows, dramatic exterior metalwork and panoramic views of the District and beyond.

# The Buena Vista Hub

## A pair let art and the outdoors into their downtown penthouse

Sure, a good location is primo when you're buying a condo. But sunny spaces and good sight lines also matter. Which is why architect Norman Smith and his wife, developer Gail Montplaisir, chose to move from one penthouse apartment to another just a few blocks away. "It's the view, stupid," said Smith. Yeah,

they had nice sight lines before. But now they have postcard-worthy vistas of the Washington National Cathedral and the city. Upstairs, there's also a roof deck — a further opportunity to stop and bask in city scenery.

The couple moved out of suburbia a few years ago, trading a big house in an isolated enclave for a downtown neighborhood with buzz.

They lived in a three-level loft-like space across from D.C.'s Meridian Hill Park for a couple





of years before exchanging it for their current condo, also a loft with walls, but with the living space all on one level.

In the past few months, it has been Smith's mission to fill the 2,600-square-foot condo with furniture and architectural details that maximize its panoramic 270-degree view, to accommodate their love of cooking (well, Montplaisir's) and entertaining. Plus, it's a great space to show off their art and antiques collection.

So how did they go about feathering such a mod nest? "My idea was to keep the colors soft and arrange the space so nothing distracts from the view, which is a continually changing work of art," said Smith. "Even the staircase to the roof is angled toward the view. I designed it with see-through ris-

**“My idea was to keep the colors soft and arrange the space so nothing distracts from the view.”**

**NORMAN SMITH, ARCHITECT/ OWNER**

ers so that it seems almost transparent.”

“Our decorator, Stan Kelly, chose the pale mossy green color on most of the walls,” said Montplaisir. “I chose cornflower blue for the wall that runs the entire length of the apartment — it’s diaphanous and changes with the light.” This wall also separates the public living and kitchen areas from the private master bedroom, bath and guest room.

The gregarious couple entertains frequently for big crowds — as many as 60 people at a time — who tend to come from both the art and non-profit worlds (Montplaisir is on the board of Peace X Peace, an international women’s aid group).

This means the large kitchen area with a curving island that directs eyes toward the view, which often morphs into company central. “I wanted a kitchen with enough counter space to spread out and have plenty of room for prep and cooking,” said Montplaisir. So, her husband installed a huge gray Jerusalem stone island that separates the cook from her guests,

but because it is punctuated with tiny fissures it seems permeable. “I want our friends, family and guests to feel part of the activity,” said Montplaisir, whose specialties include couscous with fresh veggies and warming stews. The Italian-made cucina cabinets, finished in a sleek lacquer gray, recede into the wall and close so softly they’re hardly noticeable, literally fulfilling Smith’s goal of “dialing down the volume,” so the vista always takes center stage.

Although Smith and Montplaisir love the look of contemporary furniture, “modern and comfortable don’t always go together,” he said. So, they were careful to purchase only pieces (a mossy green sofa, red and gray high-end Italian chairs) that passed their “sit” test — that they can plop down in comfortably for at least an



**ROOM WITH A VIEW:** Modern European furniture, plants and art are juxtaposed with stellar vistas of the surrounding city in Smith and Montplaisir's downtown pad.



**OPEN SEASON:** Gail Montplaisir and Norman Smith host parties big and small in the airy, contemporary kitchen of their stylish Meridian Hill condominium.

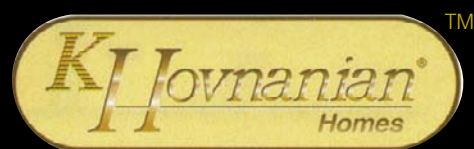
hour. And because an all-modern space can look chilly, they mixed it up with their favorite antiques — a Tansu chest from Tokyo, a marquetry table from Holland and a 19th-century Williamsburg chest.

It's no surprise that this visually acute couple like to surround themselves with art. What is unusual is that, in many cases, they've developed personal relationships with the artists whose work fills their condo — in particular, Timothy Nero of Santa Fe, N.M., known for his Kandinsky-esque paintings; and Lisa Vanderbilt of Grand Rapids, Mich., whose Rubenesque nudes occupy the Smith-Montplaisir apartment. Like the view, though, nothing stays static for this couple, who are always “moving the art around — or you forget how beautiful it is.” JANET BENNETT



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## CONDOLiving



Graphic designer David Hazelton had trouble finding furniture small enough to fit in his 640-square-foot apartment on Capitol Hill. He even had to give up a big sofa.

# A Studio-Sized Idea

## Furniture gets scaled back to fit in smaller houses and condos

One of the big trends in today's furniture is small.

Sofas are shorter and chairs are armless. Console tables that fit snugly in hallways or behind couches open up to seat eight for dinner. Beds are being shown with headboards but no footboards, or resting atop storage units. Furniture chains are promoting lines with names such as Small Spaces and Loft 21 to catch the latest home decor wave.

What's not getting smaller is getting more versatile: pieces designed to work as a kitchen island or a desk; wine storage units that open into

buffets; ottomans, which already double as cocktail tables when closed, flip open to reveal a mattress for sleeping or empty space for storage.

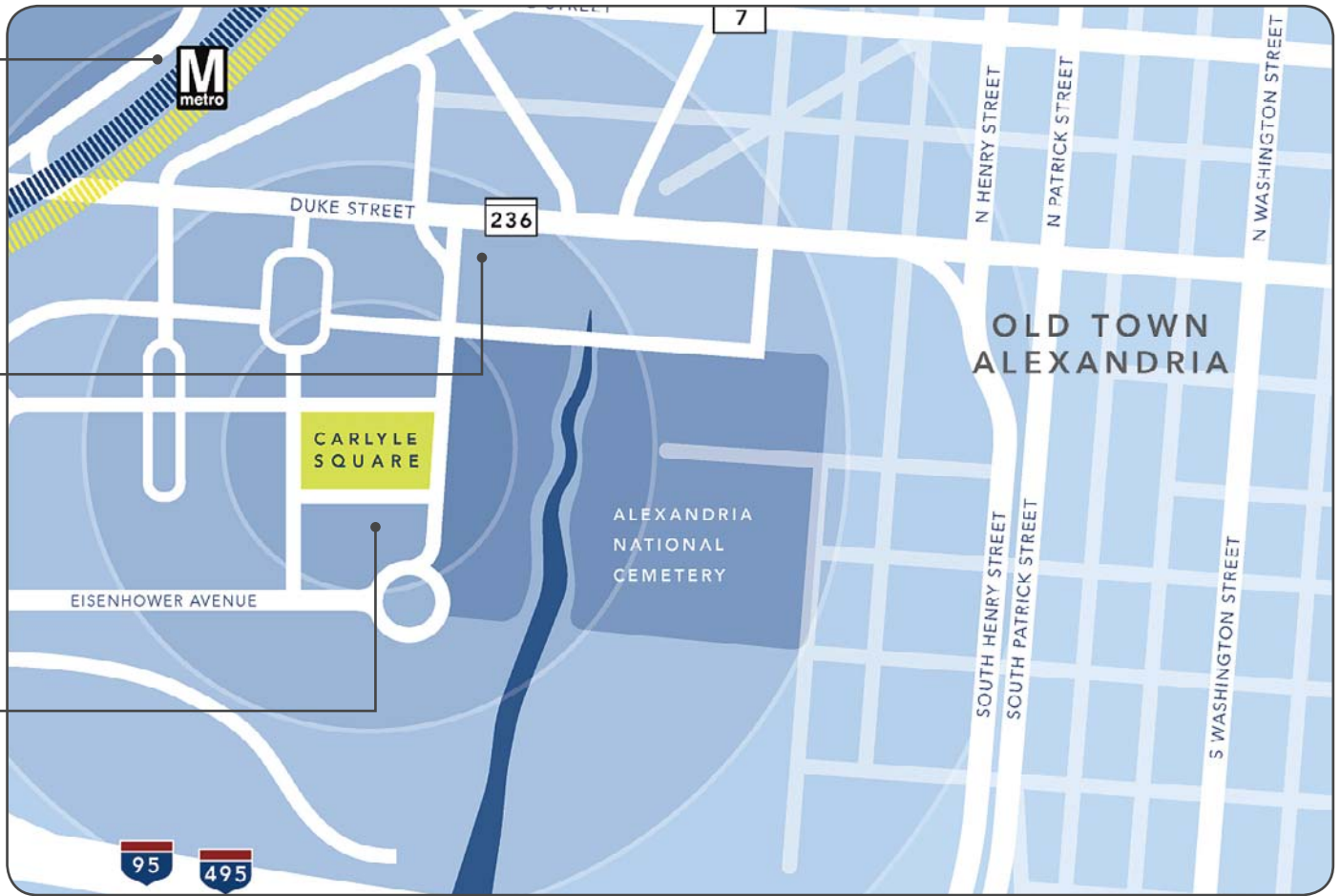
In the Washington area, small can mean anything from a 400-square-foot English basement in Georgetown to a three-bedroom Colonial in Wheaton barely large enough for a pair of love seats in the living room to a town house in Alexandria with narrow 19th-century stairs.

Small can also mean the vestibule of a Capitol Hill condo too tiny for a sofa to pass all the way through, says graphic designer David Hazelton. "The movers finally pulled it out. We ended up taking it back to a friend's house,

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and I practically had an auction on the porch.”

In the past year, the home furnishings industry has responded to those in tight quarters, be they young urban pioneers or downsizing suburbanites, says Cheminne Taylor-Smith, editor in chief of InFurniture, a monthly magazine that tracks industry trends.

“Baby boomers are almost all becoming empty-nesters, and they look around and say, ‘Who needs this space? Who will clean it?’ Not only do they have too much furniture, but it’s too big to move,” Taylor-Smith says.

Savvy manufacturers are shrinking sofas, tables, chairs and chests in several styles, she says: contemporary, traditional but with “less carving and sleeker arms,” and transitional, which bridges the two.

The small-is-hot trend “is not coming at the expense of grand furnishings,” she notes. “You still have people who want gigantic homes with luxury. Century Furniture last year showed an 18-seater dining table plus a condo line.”

That is because “American homes are getting bigger and smaller at the same time. What’s going away are the houses in the middle,” says Ed Tashjian, marketing vice president for high-end Century in Hickory, N.C.

The company’s maiden CII condo-sized collection, which appeared in stores last spring, features 20 scaled-down upholstered pieces, including three sofa styles. To Tashjian, a small couch is 80 inches long and seats three. The standard size is 100 to 110 inches and also seats three, “so you are not really giving anything up when you buy a small sofa.”

But Douglas Burton, co-owner of Apartment Zero in Washington’s Penn Quarter, offers a narrower definition. “If you are talking about really small spaces, maybe 500 to 600 square feet, then 80 inches might be pushing it,” Burton says. In Burton’s terms, small is “a two-seater, which is about 58 inches wide. A love seat is around 44 inches wide, and that holds two very close people — two lovebirds.”

Jackie Hirschhaut is a spokeswoman for the American Home Furnishings Alliance in High Point, N.C. “There is no official barometer that a sofa needs to be a specific



**GETTING THE SKINNY:** Apartment-sized furniture, such as the Pierrot Sofa Sleeper from Design Within Reach, is configured to fit in smaller, often urban living quarters.

number of inches wide to be considered small, medium or large,” she says. “In a small space, a love seat can double as a sofa, and McMansion size can be 100 inches.”

Crate & Barrel carries small pieces because so many of its stores are in space-starved urban areas, says New York-based spokesman Joe Dance. The sales staff often advises shoppers that large floor models can be ordered a foot or two shorter, and that versatility is key to saving space.

“The Southport storage cube can be used as an ottoman, a side table or a storage cube,” says Dance, who concedes that “very little Crate furniture would make it through the door” of his two-room Manhattan flat.

In July, Pier 1 Imports introduced its Loft 21 collection, which is multipurpose as well as sleek, says senior spokeswoman Misty Otto.



The Project Desk from Pier 1 Imports (\$450) can rule a home office or store cookbooks and tools in a kitchen.

The Project Desk, for example, “has cubby holes on the end for CDs or whatever little tchotchkes need to be out of the way. But it can also be used as a kitchen island with storage.”

Last year, Pottery Barn launched

Small Spaces, inspired by West Elm, its sister retailer known for scaled-down, contemporary design. There is even a “furniture for small spaces” prompt on its Web site.

“A great deal of Pottery Barn customers live in these small apart-

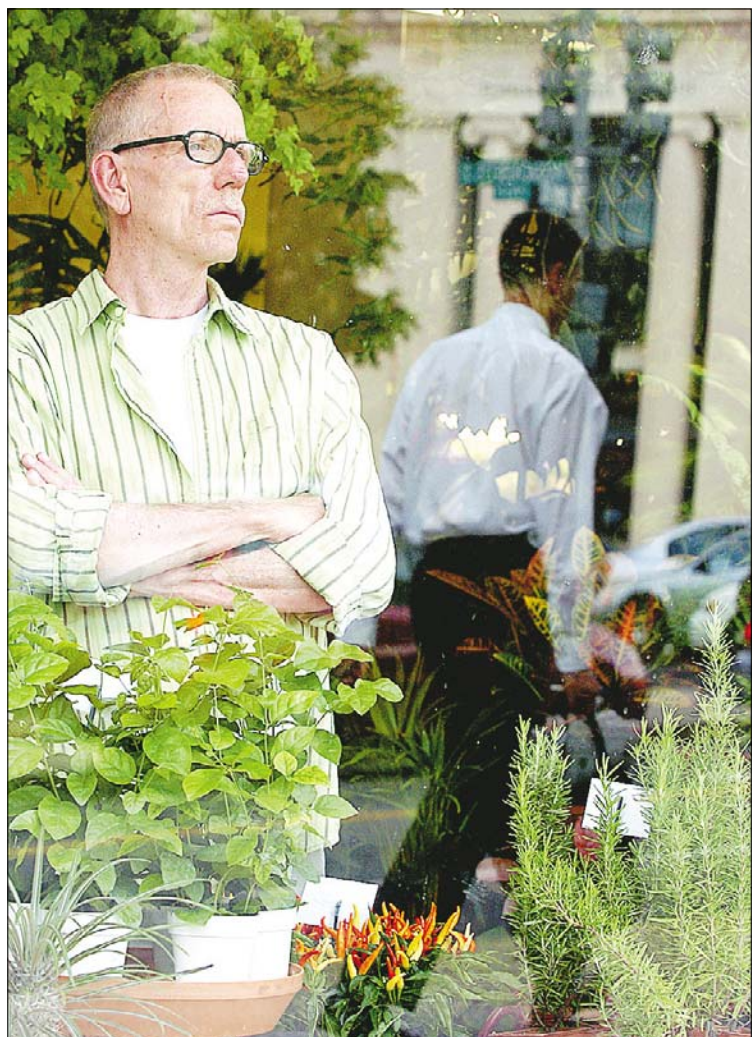
ments, and they need simple things to accommodate narrow stairwells and tight corners,” says spokeswoman Leigh Oshirak.

Since storage is always an issue, Pottery Barn’s Stratton platform bed comes in two models: six alcoves of open storage with fitted baskets or a pricier model with drawers, she says.

But not all potential customers are aware of the chain’s slimmer offerings. “Pottery Barn doesn’t appeal to me because the pieces are gigantic,” says congressional staffer Edward Jones, who lives in an 800-square-foot Arlington apartment. Last week he hit the furniture stores of Pentagon Row and checked out dining tables at World Market.

“You get tired of eating off a plate in your lap,” he says, but he worries that even a small table might dwarf his dining area. And a table with a removable leaf would not work. “Where would I put the leaf?” ANNIE GROER (THE WASHINGTON POST)





At the end of November, Phil Herbert will shutter the Third Day, his 35-year-old Dupont Circle plant shop. Rising rents and chain stores are pushing him out.

# Change in The Circle

## A retail boom near downtown means openings, closings

For more than a generation, the Third Day has been a Dupont Circle landmark, a garden shop in the middle of a city. People walking by would be stopped by the vibrant pink of a bromeliad or pulled through the door by a pungent whiff of basil.

By the end of November, the shop will be history.

One door away, Neil Conway of District Hardware expects to be forced out of Dupont this year by

rising rents. He'll probably move, depriving people in the neighborhood of the best place to buy a screwdriver or a paintbrush.

Change is underway in one of the most distinctive neighborhoods in Washington, driven by trends in the market for commercial real estate.

Polished national chains such as Cosi, Ann Taylor Loft and Chipotle are snapping up historic storefronts and supplanting quirky local merchants. The chains are helping to drive up commercial rents, which have doubled — even tripled, in some places — in a decade. They

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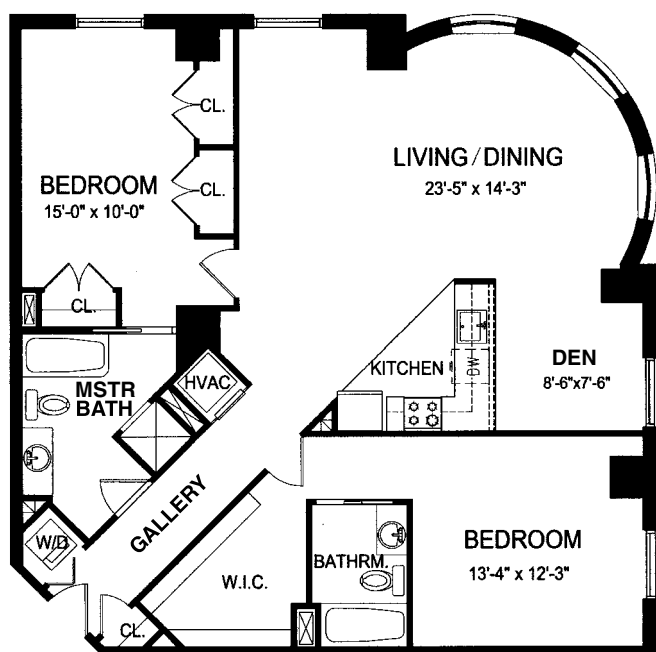


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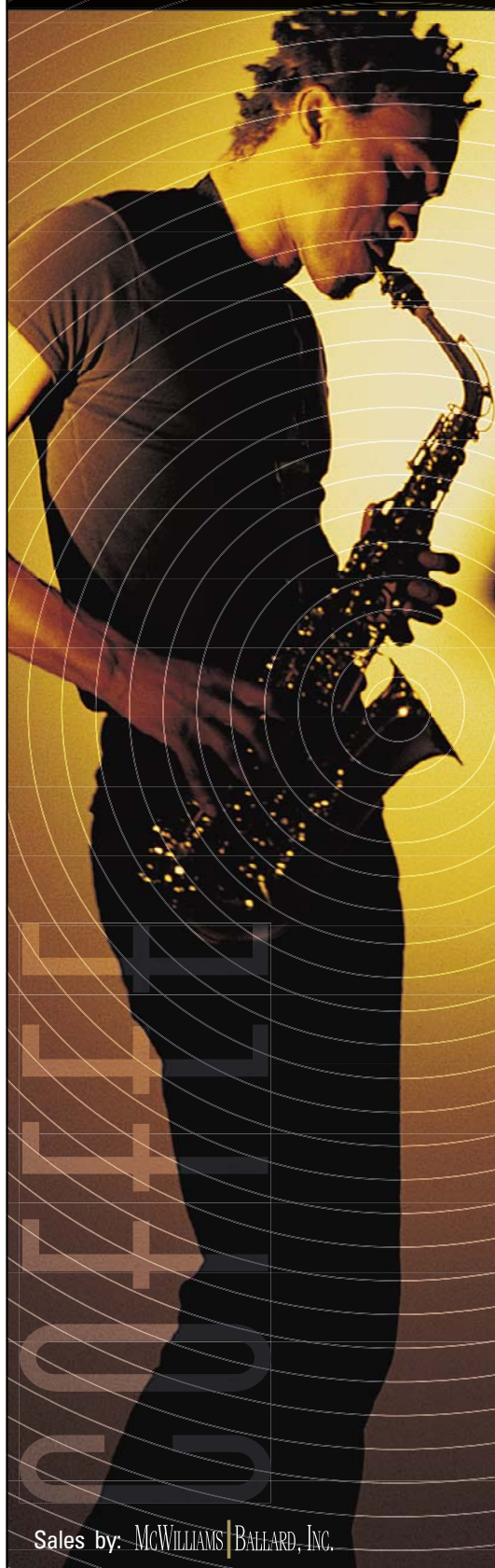
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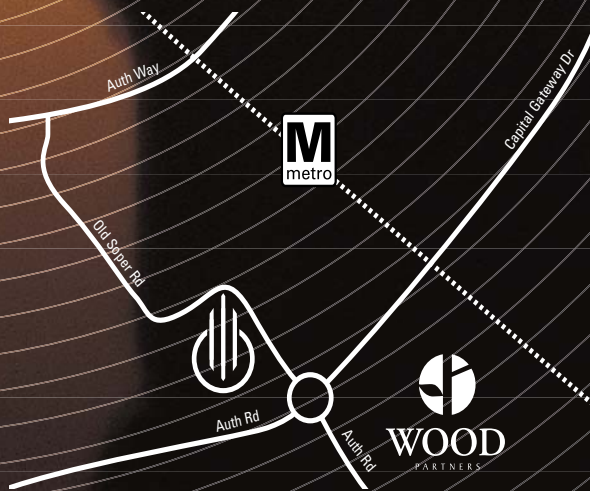


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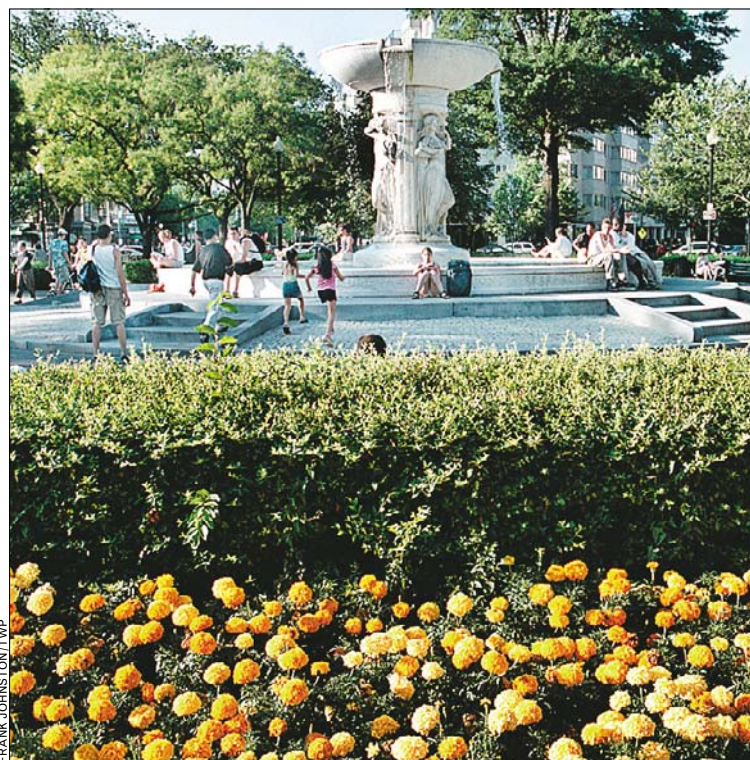
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## CONDOLiving



Dupont Circle, a commercial hub since the Victorian era, is now drawing national shops and restaurants, which worries residents and indie business owners.

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see profit and a chance to associate their stores with the cachet of a funky neighborhood.

But some people who live in the neighborhood see a unique cityscape slipping away.

Along Connecticut Avenue, independent art galleries, curiosity shops and restaurants with names like the Golden Boeymonger are gone. Many independent merchants say they can't pay the rents the chains pay, so they are closing or moving. As they do, many residents contend, the utility of the neighborhood for people who live there is disappearing with them.

"I used to feel a lot more at home on Connecticut," said Rob Halligan, president of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association. "But now it feels a lot more like somebody else's neighborhood I'm walking through than my own."

From New York's SoHo to San Francisco's Hayes Valley, chain stores are remaking urban neighborhoods, sparking protest. In some places, people have managed to slow the trend and retain a mix of local and national retailers, while other neighborhoods, Georgetown among them, have essentially become shopping malls.

Dupont has not reached that point; the neighborhood still has far more local merchants than national chains. But the balance is shifting.

Private and public decisions over the next couple of years could determine how much of the neighborhood's old character survives.

Phil Herbert has seen the end coming for a long time.

His store, the Third Day, has always been an unlikely venture. It was founded 35 years ago by a seven-person collective and was named for the day in Genesis

**"I used to feel a lot more at home on Connecticut [Avenue] Now it feels a lot more like somebody else's neighborhood."**

ROB HALLIGAN, DUPONT RESIDENT

on which God made plants. The Third Day continued selling potting soil and seeds long after \$5 lattes appeared.

As rents jumped in recent years and stores such as Rock Creek, a clothing boutique, and Naturally Yours, a health food store, started folding around him, Herbert knew his time was near.

The Third Day and neighboring District Hardware, which includes a bicycle-repair shop, occupy space

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along P Street carved from the basement of the historic James G. Blaine mansion. The leases end in November. A lawyer, John Phillips, bought the property in April. He plans renovations and said he had no choice but to bring rents up to the market price of more than \$60 per square foot, more than double current rates.

Phillips said he tried to keep the hardware store — but Conway said Phillips offered a smaller, underground space. Conway balked, noting that “location is critical.” So he’s planning to move.

Herbert said he didn’t put up a fight, knowing that his modest plant store couldn’t cover the rents now common in the neighborhood. “It was a good run, but times change,” said Herbert, 59, who plans to move with his partner to Vermont, where the number of Starbucks shops in the entire state — four — equals the number in Dupont Circle.

Since 1991, the number of national chain stores along Connecticut Avenue, Dupont’s main commercial strip, has surged. A count by The Washington Post, using old directories and other references, showed 61 independent stores and three national chains in 1991 along the three blocks of Connecticut north of Dupont Circle. Today there are 39 independents and 18 chains.

The shift has been gradual, but chains now span the entire length of the corridor, from the Krispy Kreme at the circle to the Buca di Beppo restaurant at the top of the hill.

Sue Landini, owner of the Axis hair salon on Connecticut Avenue, traces what she called “the beginning of the end of an era” to the early 1990s, when the first Starbucks came to the circle. “We didn’t know that once Starbucks came, that was it,” she said. “We were naive. We were like the dumb natives.”

The factors in Dupont are the same ones bringing national retailers and restaurants to urban neighborhoods across the country. In the pattern, a funky neighborhood becomes trendy. Wealthier people move in. Chain retail follows.

“You’ve got neighborhoods that have been brought back to life because of the investment and hard work of independent businesses, and once those neighborhoods attract a certain popularity, the chains come in,” said Stacy Mitchell, a senior researcher with the Institute for



**JAVA FLOW:** A Starbucks in Dupont Circle, one of four branches of the cappuccino empire located in the funky neighborhood, which once held more indie coffee huts.

Local Self-Reliance, an advocacy group. “If it’s a hip neighborhood, the ability to associate your brand with the vibe and authenticity of the area can be very appealing.”

That’s what brought Johnny Rockets — a hamburger chain usually found in suburban malls and tourist destinations — to Dupont last month. “We can’t beat Dupont for brand recognition,” said district manager Micheal Williams. For many chains, urban neighborhoods are the last frontier. The suburbs where they started are saturated with stores. As the chains ran out of suburban sites, they realized that the demographics of many urban neighborhoods had shifted drastically.

Household income in Dupont Circle was once below the District average. But from 1990 to 2006, the typical household income in Dupont rose from \$46,000 to nearly \$60,000, according to figures from

Environmental Systems Research Institute. The average home value, adjusted for inflation, rose from \$493,000 to about \$582,000.

Dupont has remained a destination for dining, drinking and shopping for many who live and work elsewhere, especially young adults and homosexuals.

Meanwhile, office space in the neighborhood has expanded with the conversion of older buildings. With more workers during the day, and more disposable income and wealth in Dupont at all hours, the chains’ customer base has expanded. Dupont used to get most of its foot traffic on nights and weekends, real estate agents said, but now it is an all-hours retail district.

“I prefer the local tenants because they keep the flair and the charm of Dupont Circle,” said Michael Kain, who has owned property in the area since 1976. Most of his tenants are locals, but he also

**“We didn’t know that once Starbucks came, that was it. We were naive. We were like dumb natives.”**

**SUE LANDINI, AXIS SALON OWNER**

has Ann Taylor Loft.

Halligan, of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association, said much of the decision-making is driven not by sentiment but by dollar signs.

“Chains think, ‘What can this do for me?’” he said. “And the person renting is thinking, ‘How much money can I make?’”

In some of the expiring leases on midsize shops, brokers said, rents are less than \$3,000 a month. Rents on newly signed leases for the same amount of space run from \$6,000 to \$12,000 a month, depending on

the location. Chain stores can usually pay those rents.

Some area business leaders see benefits in having chains in Dupont. Ed Grandis of the Dupont Circle Merchants and Professionals Association conceded that chains don’t contribute as much to the community as independents do. But he said having chain anchors draws traffic and provides a stable retail base.

“We want to have services that can meet the [needs of] residents of today, not 15 years ago,” Grandis said. Some people who live in Dupont feel the same way. While they may be sad to see old places close, the changes strike them as inevitable. “D.C. has become a more cosmopolitan city, and retail has to follow,” said Kirsten Brinker, who lived in the neighborhood in 1998 and moved back two years ago. “We couldn’t be where we are today without it.”

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